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S. grants Muslim side equal time

Washington Bureau

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6 — An agreement to allow equal television air time for Saudi Arabia or Muslim spokesmen on the facts surrounding the film, *Princess*, was reached in preliminary talks last week in Washington between representatives of WGBH Television and Dr. Khaled Abdullah Mansour, a San Francisco attorney, who is now in a position where it is to let station programmers know who will represent Saudi Arabia and the world in such a rebuttal. "Al-Arab News" / *Asharq Al-Awsat*, telegrams last week to both Muslim leaders and Saudi government officials telling them what action I was asking them to prepare their

to postpone the May 12 showing. Al-Mansour said he would have the station with information on who would be available representing religion and Saudi Arabia to film no later than May 7. He announced, in the meantime, that a Public Broadcast Service (PBS) representative decided not to air *Princess* on May 12. At least nine stations within the PBS network that they would not show the film. Stations were expected to take the same line. It was learned Danish state will not show the film because it is national, contains too much fiction and factual documentation. A panel committee of the cultural single-channel Danish television unanimously not to screen the film.

winked away

SYDNEY, May 6 (AP) — A criminal discharged recently when its winked at the defendant as the retreating to consider its verdict. Witnesses told the district criminal judge that the woman, described as a "young, stunning, winked at the man." The second day of the trial of Richard Gardon, 27, accused of vicious bodily harm to a fellow at Sydney's Long Bay jail, public had seen the incident iting about a diminution of respect al procedures, the judge said.



LEADERS: King Khaled meets Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez Gonzalez during Suarez' official visit to the Kingdom. The prime minister is in Saudi Arabia for bilateral talks on the international and Middle East situation as well as economic matters. Tuesday evening King Khaled gave a dinner in honor of Suarez. Earlier in the day Crown Prince Fahd and Suarez held formal talks at Nasseriya palace which were attended by members of both delegations. Prince Abdullah later on gave a luncheon party in honor of Suarez. Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solaiman, who heads the Saudi side of the Joint Saudi-Spanish Commission, held talks with his counterpart Commerce Minister Luis Gomez.

Extremists demand revenge

Israeli govt. to isolate Hebron, Halhoul

TEL AVIV, May 6 (Agencies) — Israel's Defense Minister Ezer Weizman has rejected extremist demands for punitive action against Palestinians of the occupied West Bank in revenge for Friday night's killing of six Israelis in the Arab town of Hebron.

But he told the Knesset the government had decided to isolate Hebron and the neighboring village of Halhoul but hoped it would not have to take similar actions against other towns in the West Bank.

Demands have been raised over the weekend not only for strong retaliatory action by security forces but for a program of massive Jewish settlement in the occupied Arab land to demonstrate Israel's determination to keep them under its own domination.

But Weizman said the government had to take into account international opinion. Meanwhile thousands of Israelis, demonstrating their solidarity with Jewish settlers, headed Monday to Hebron for the funeral of an American-Israeli victim of Friday's attack.

After the solemn burial of American-born Eli Hazezev, 32, at sundown, the crowd was different. One armed youth heaved a big rock through the windshield of an Arab pickup truck. Several others aimed at windows, and when the crowd descended to the center of the curfewed city, more rocks were thrown

and bursts of automatic gunfire crackled in the narrow streets beside Hebron's religious shrine, the tomb of the Patriarch Abraham, a site sacred to Jews and Muslims.

Hebron's 50,000 Arabs were in the third day of a round-the-clock curfew, and 3,000 Israeli settlers who live on the edge of the city were showing that Israel still was in charge.

Arab agitations elsewhere in the West Bank were aggressively suppressed. Troops imposed a curfew on a Palestinian refugee camp where stone-throwing youths had slightly injured an Israeli officer.

The broader issue of Israel's security concerns reverberated in the Palestinian auton-

omy talks in the Tel Aviv suburb of Herzlia. Egypt made a proposal which, according to Israel radio, shocked Israeli negotiators by suggesting firm limits on Israel's military movements in the West Bank under a future Palestinian self-rule plan.

While Israel unequivocally rejected the proposal, Egypt threatened a break in lower-level committee work unless a general set of security principles is agreed upon. It seemed for a few hours that the U.S. mediated talks were seriously endangered, but they continued Tuesday to produce some tangible progress by May 26, the date which marks a full year of the so-far fruitless negotiations.

Energy trends prompt OPEC parley

JEDDAH, May 6 (SPA) — International instability and adverse trends on the energy front have prompted OPEC to call an emergency meeting for Wednesday in Taif, a senior OPEC official said Tuesday.

Organization Secretary-General Rene Ortiz, who arrived here Monday to attend the meeting, said that the future of world energy and links between OPEC and the Third World will be high on the agenda. Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the minister

of petroleum and mineral resources, will lead the Saudi delegation to the meeting. The delegation will include Abdul Aziz Al-Turki, the deputy minister for petroleum, Khidir Harazallah, deputy minister for accounting and director general of economic administration; as well as a number of economic advisers.

Among the first arrivals in Taif Monday were Ortiz, Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Hydrocarbons Humberto Calderon, and Indonesian Oil Minister Subruto.

Hostages safe

British commandos end 6-day Iran embassy siege

LONDON, May 6 (Agencies) — The Iranian in London, once a graceful 19th person, Tuesday stood a smoking commando assault which ended a stage crisis in gunfire, explosions

and troops of Britain's Special Air Service (SAS) Monday night stormed the building housing 19 Iranian and British hostages, killing four of their captors, after negotiations and diplomatic efforts had failed. The situation peacefully, said six or eight commandos set ring explosion from the roof at apparently a "stun grenade" used to force the gunmen. The commandos used themselves on ropes to a window, threw in another and stormed inside the building with weapons blazing in a lighting attack only 40 seconds. Auffled explosion followed the two and smoke engulfed the building. The assault was approved by the British government who had seized the

embassy last Wednesday executed two hostages, hurling one body into the street, and threatened to kill a captive every half hour unless their demands were met.

The foreign office said the Iranian president had authorized a British assault if necessary to end the siege after the Iranian government refused the gunmen's demands for the release of 91 comrades imprisoned in Iran's Arabic-speaking Khuzestan province, fighting for autonomy from the Persian-majority government of Ayatollah Khomeini.

All 10 hostages — 14 men and five women — still alive when the troops went in were saved and one of the gunmen was captured to stand trial, a spokesman said.

Iran, which had refused to give in to the guerrillas' demands for the release of 91 prisoners in southern Iran, joined Britain in hailing a successful operation. President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr cabled Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher with his gratitude for what he called the competence of the British police.

Mrs. Thatcher later visited the SAS assault group, said by police sources to have been drawn from British forces in Northern Ireland and West Germany, to congratulate them "not only on behalf of Britain but on behalf of the rest of the world."

Home Secretary William Whitelaw, who gave the official go-ahead for the attack, told reporters: "The operation showed that we in Britain are not prepared to tolerate terrorism in our capital city."

Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, whose officials had been involved in mediation negotiations with the ambassadors of Syria, Kuwait and Jordan almost up to the minute the storming took place, said in Washington that he hoped it would be a deterrent "to all those who are prepared to use this kind of action (hostage taking)."

One of the dead was identified by the Iranian consulate as 25-year-old embassy press counsellor Abbas Lavasani. The body of another, as yet unidentified hostage, was believed by police to be inside the embassy, still smoldering Tuesday after a fierce fire which followed the assault.

Three of the Iranian hostages were wounded in the assault, two of them seriously, police stated. The other 16 surviving captives, including three Britons, were said to be in good condition and were being



Police Commissioner McNee: Final appeal for a peaceful solution.

debriefed by police Tuesday.

The siege began when the five gunmen, describing themselves as Arabs from the Khuzestan region of southern Iran, took over the embassy at 11.30 a.m. last Wednesday. Scotland Yard experts in psychological techniques handled negotiations and believed they were winning the upper hand when at least three deadlines set by the guerrillas for killing their captives passed uneventfully. Talks were frequently described as cordial and the gunmen as flexible. Five hostages were freed unharmed.

Then, after more than 120 hours, things began to go wrong Monday afternoon. There was an unexplained change of mood by the gunmen, with a Scotland Yard spokesman Monday night saying, "They became irritable, tense and tired."

The spokesman, speaking to reporters at

the scene, gave the following sequence of events:

Early in the afternoon, police heard two or three shots from inside the building.

At 6 p.m. Scotland Yard Chief Sir David McNee made a personal written appeal to the guerrillas.

"It is not our way in Britain to resort to violence against those who are peaceful," Sir David said. "You have nothing to fear from my officers providing you do not harm those in your care. I firmly hope that we can now bring this incident to a close peacefully and calmly."

The spokesman said the appeal was made before police knew for certain whether anyone had been killed in the shooting.

The gunmen did not reply verbally to the plea for peace, but shortly before 7 p.m. a further three shots were heard — and the body of a hostage was pushed out of the embassy.

Police, in contact with the guerrillas over a field telephone, were then told that further captives would be killed every 30 minutes. "It was then decided to commit the SAS," the spokesman said.

The SAS, specially trained for such operations, deployed between 30 and 40 men in the assault from the front, back and roof of the building, police sources said. They attacked as two huge explosions rocked the embassy and flames began sweeping through its four floors.

Informed military sources said the SAS men lobbed in stun grenades similar to the ones they supplied to the West German GSG-9 anti-terrorist team that stormed a Lufthansa airliner hijacked to Mogadishu in October 1977 to free 86 hostages.

The grenades, developed by the SAS, apparently worked as well in the Iranian embassy as they did in Mogadishu. They immobilized the gunmen for up to 10 precious seconds — enough time for the troops to get in close and knock out the gunmen before they had time to kill their captives.

All four terrorists in the Mogadishu attack were killed. In the London siege, the SAS men killed three of the five gunmen and wounded another.

SAS officers and non-coms also helped. Dutch authorities plan the assault on a train and school near Assen three years ago in which Moluccan terrorists held scores of hostages.

Exclusive interview

Mideast problems prompt Suarez visit

By Farouk Luqman

RIYADH, May 6 — Spain's common interest with Saudi Arabia in Middle East problems has brought Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez Gonzalez to the Kingdom for two days of talks with King Khaled and key officials.

In an exclusive interview with *Arab News* Tuesday, Suarez said that his visit also is aimed at boosting Spain's trade with the Kingdom.

Suarez said the region currently is experiencing "difficult moments," and that an exchange of views is important. He said he looked in the economic arena for "a greater participation of Spanish goods and services in the Saudi Arabian market."

The prime minister answered additional questions on Spain's goals and position on world problems.

Q — What is the purpose of your visit to Saudi Arabia and does it have any political and economic objectives. If yes, what are they?

A — The Saudi-Spanish relations are excellent and the historic ties binding us have been reinforced and updated with the personal friendship between our monarchs as well as with the development of our political and economic contacts.

There is a double purpose in my visit. From one side, to proceed to an exchange of viewpoints on the international situation and particularly in respect to the Middle East, in difficult moments, where important common interests are in cause.

From the other side, I hope that this trip will give a new impulse to our economical cooperation as well as to cooperation in other fields.

The basic objectives of the trip in the economical field could be resumed on a greater participation of Spanish goods and services in the Saudi Arabian market as well as in a closer cooperation in the economical field and specifically within those sectors included in the plans of productive investment.

Q — What is Spain's position regarding the Middle East problem, the future of the Palestinians and their demand for a homeland. What is Spain's concept of a fair solution and how does it compare with that of the rest of Western Europe. Is Europe aiming at a proposal to solve the problem. What is it. Is Europe communicating its ideas on this subject to the United States?

A — We believe it is necessary to have a just, peaceful and global solution of the Middle East conflict, based on the principles and resolutions of United Nations. We believe that such solution involves, first of all, the recognition and the putting in practice of the national rights of the Palestinian people. We

consider basic elements as well the withdrawal of Israel from all Arab territories occupied in 1967, including East Jerusalem, and the right of all the states of the area to live in peace within safe and acknowledge borders. It is necessary that, on these bases, all parts make a real effort in order to abandon the maximalist positions that nowadays hinder a negotiated peace.

We have endeavored in our contacts with the European leaders, as well as with those of other countries, to convince them of the necessity to open new channels towards such a solution and we believe that Europe is called to play a role increasingly important and active, leading to the harmonization and getting together the legitimate interests of all parties. On the other hand, the United Nations has an important responsibility in this subject, and we must assume this fully.

Q — What is your position with regard to the North-South dialogue and the complaint by the South that the underdeveloped states are not being fairly and generously treated by the richer countries. Do you think that the West should give more to the poorer states of the world, some of which are actually getting poorer. What is Spain doing in this connection either by giving or urging its partners to give?

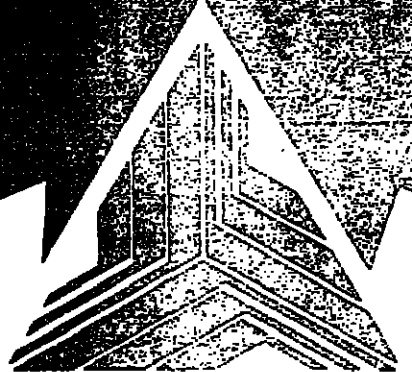
A — Spain considers, even in the actual circumstances of political and economic crisis at a world-wide scale, that the negotiations North-South should continue in an atmosphere of cooperation and not of confrontation. In this respect, in the context of the United Nations. At the end of summer global negotiations will begin. Along with others the following points will be discussed: How to fight inflation, food and raw materials, external financing and energy.

My country, will participate, actively in the next global negotiations. In any case, it should be kept in mind that, Spain is, in within the context of the North-South conversations, a country in internal economic development and in consequence can not participate in the solidarity help programs with the same measures as the other highly industrialized ones. Despite this limitations, the government of Spain created in 1976 an institutional mechanism to help poor countries in development, the fund of Help Development, which is in charge of granting loans and credits in concessionaire conditions to those countries.

On the other hand, Spain through its technical assistance programs, is largely cooperating with the economic development of many countries offering experience of our own technological development and most of all, of adaptation of foreign technology to an industrial infrastructure of medium type, which is

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Television pact renewed

RIYADH, May 6 (SPA) — A mass communications agreement established in 1974 between Saudi Arabia and France was renewed Tuesday.

The agreement calls for developing a television network and expanding color TV transmission throughout Saudi Arabia. Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani and French Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Michel Drumetz signed the pact.

Dr. Yamani said the Council of Ministers agreed to the renewal for another five-year

period to enable all projects approved under an executive program for development to be completed.

The signing ceremony was attended by Ibrahim Al-Qadhi Al-Muhammad, deputy minister of information for administrative affairs, Abdul Mohsen Al-Suwaleem assistant deputy minister for engineering, Yassin Maktani, adviser at the minister's office and M. Burgines, director general of the French Agency carrying out the agreement on behalf of the French government.

In Dammam

Manpower survey drawn up

DAMMAM, May 6 (SPA) — A University of Petroleum and Minerals team visited Dammam to discuss issues in drawing up a survey on the technical manpower in the municipality.

The team is visiting government departments to make a survey on technical manpower and their qualifications and posts. The information will be supplied to the National Sciences and Technology Center of Riyadh to help the center with its applied research and solving of technical problems.

In other news, the Baha Educational Department held a meeting of education directors and personnel in the area to discuss issues concerning tests and examinations. Education Director Fahd Jaber Al-Harithy presided over the meeting.

Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University will organize a seminar on "Security of Thoughts in the Saudi Arabian Islamic Society" at the Sharia Faculty. Prince Naif, minister of interior and Sheikh Hassan bin Abdullah Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education will take part in the seminar.

Ubaid departs for Geneva

RIYADH, May 6 (SPA) — The Deputy Minister of Posts, Telephone and Telegraph Dr. Ibrahim Ahmad Ubaid left Riyadh for Geneva to attend the 35th session meetings of the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union.

The council will discuss the union's activities and the function of the Wireless

Communications Center, in addition to the use of encyclopedia for computers in the council's works and preparations for the year in communications.

The agenda also includes discussions of the future of technical cooperation, a review of financial issues, accounts for 1979, shares, paying the expenses of the union and discussing the forthcoming budget.



MEETING: Dr. Ahmad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank, chairs a meeting of the bank's board of executive directors.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, May 6 (SPA) — Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani leaves here for Manama Wednesday on a private visit to Bahrain. He will later fly to Baghdad to participate in the extraordinary conference of the Gulf Information Ministers.

JEDDAH, May 6 (SPA) — The 43rd session of the Board of Executive Directors of Islamic Development Bank (IDB) began here Monday chaired by Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali, the bank's president. The

session's agenda includes a discussion on granting loans, participation in capital investment and dealing with foreign trade operations of some member countries. The bank's current year's activities will also be discussed during the deliberations.

RIYADH, May 6 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman received Pakistani Interior and Religious Affairs Minister Mahmood Abdullah Haroon here Tuesday. They exchanged cordial talks on bilateral relations.

DOHA, May 6 (SPA) — Sheikh Ahmad bin Saif Al-Thani, Qatar's state minister for foreign affairs, conferred here Monday with Habib Chatti, the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, who is on a Gulf tour.

prayer times

Wednesday	Mecca	Medina	Nejd
Fajr	4.29	4.21	3.55
Ishraq	5.52	5.41	5.22
Dhuhr	12.24	12.25	11.57
Asr	3.44	3.52	3.23
Maghreb	6.51	6.56	6.27
Isha	8.21	8.26	7.57

WEATHER

Moderate summer weather will prevail in most parts of Saudi Arabia with cumulus clouds covering the western and southwestern highlands.

Winds will blow mostly westerly to north-westerly at moderate speed, gaining in velocity in inner areas, raising dust.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be moderate to choppy.

Tuesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade):

Mecca	39	25
Jeddah	35	24
Riyadh	35	23
Dhahran	33	25
Medina	37	23
Taif	32	17
Jizan	36	27
Hail	30	14
Turath	27	11
Qaisumah	31	13
Sulayyil	41	26
Abha	26	13

Total SR2.5 million

Municipal contracts award

RIYADH, May 6 (SPA) — Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Mit'eb, now acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, has awarded five contracts for municipal projects to international consultancy firms.

The SR 2.5 million projects, which will be

implemented between three and six months, include a preliminary and final on the disposal of drain and storm water development of water networks in Aff and Harima, disposal of drain water in Shaqra and the development of water projects in Dawadmi, Quwayyah, Mazahimiah and Barmal.

Indian sports team honored

DHAHRAN, May 6 (SPA) — The Eastern Province Bureau of the General Presidency of Youth Welfare gave dinner Monday in the honor of the Indian Basketball team, visiting the country.

The reception was attended by officials of the Saudi Arabian Basketball Union and other officials in the Eastern Province. The

basketball union presented memorials to the members of the Indian national team.

Later, the second match between the Arabian and the Indian national team was held. The game ended with the victory of Indians 95 to 86 points. The two teams met Sunday and the game was also won by Indian team 98 to 93 for the local

Saudi Comment

By Dr. Abdul Aziz Hussein
Al-Suwaleeh
Al-Jazirah

Liberia is another African country entering the foray of events in the African continent. The event that drew attention to this country was not launching an African rocket into space, getting some secrets for a nuclear bomb, nor receiving a Nobel prize or even a prize for peace. This country did not wish to deviate from the method adopted in the black continent to draw the attention of the international community.

It preferred a military coup, which probably is akin to the game of "musical chair," in which players change chairs as the orchestra plays. The only difference in the game of coups is that the chairs are changed on the cannon's booms, on bullet shots, and over the corpses of subdued peoples.

Until now at least, the facts show that the coup, in which President William Tolbert was toppled by a sergeant of the Liberian army, has not brought anything

new for the Liberian people. If at perhaps has brought a change in the former president was Africa's greatest supporter of the West, as he aligned his country's economy and to the economic interests of the West according to observers, the new president claims to align slightly toward the Soviet Union.

It was black Americans who for Liberia in 1821 with the help of an African charitable society, which had been set up for this purpose. Gaining independence in 1847, Liberia became the independent state in the African continent, with an area of nearly 11 square kilometers of land inhabitable about 2 million people.

Until someone emerges to show loyalty to the country and its people, peoples of Liberia and of other World countries will continue to see a loss of a "sergeant" who preceded in occupying the front ranks of "revolutionaries."

Traffic institute graduates 279

RIYADH, May 6 (SPA) — The Ideal Institute of Riyadh celebrated the graduation of 279 students from the Traffic Institute Monday under the auspices of Gen. Abdullah Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, director of the public security. The graduates represent the 10th and 11th classes of the traffic institute.

A military parade was displayed during which Gen. Abdullah inspected the graduates. A group of students of the traffic institute performed exhibits on motorcycles, then the graduates were sworn in. Prizes were distributed to distinguished students and graduates to all.

The ceremony was attended by Gen. Yahya Al-Mualimi, director of the security for operations, Maj. Gen. Adnan, assistant director of the public for administrative affairs, Maj. Muhammad Muhammad ibn Ayish, director, Col. Muhammad Al-Harbi, director of the general director of traffic and Capt. Abdul Aziz Ali, director of the traffic institute of R

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ساعات محاسبية

Arafat in Baghdad to mediate Iraq-Iran rift

BAGHDAD, May 6 (Agencies) — The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat arrived in Baghdad today in an apparent attempt to heal the rift in relations between Iran and Iraq.

He was accompanied by Salim Zaanoun, a member of the leading commando movement, who was quoted as saying last week Arafat had sent envoys to Baghdad and Iran in an effort to reduce tension between the two countries.

Iraq and Iran have accused each other of complicity for a number of subversive activities.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted Arafat as saying he would have talks with President Saddam Hussein and other officials of the "current developments in the Arab world" and "imperialist-Zionist challenges."

He said Palestinians in Israeli-occupied territories "are now facing the ugliest forms of imperialist-Zionist challenges" and "rising against the usurping Zionist entity."

Earlier Monday, Arafat said Israel was waging a major military operation and announced he had called all Palestinians to arms.

The official Saudi Press Agency quoted Arafat as telling Palestinian groups in Riyadh that his movement had been fighting a war of attrition against Israel for the last nine months and would continue to fight for "victory and the liberation of Jerusalem."

Arafat praised last Friday's commando attack which killed six Israelis in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron. But he warned that Israel was planning a major military operation and said he had issued a general call to arms to all Palestinians, the agency said.

In another development, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Naim Haddad said in an interview published Tuesday that Iraq will continue to demand the withdrawal of Iranian troops from three strategic islands in the Gulf.

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Yasser Arafat

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Ethiopia's Mengistu fails to consolidate power base

By Colin Legum

LONDON, May 6 (OFNS) — It has become fashionable to take the view, as expressed by Mrs. Indira Gandhi in speaking of Afghanistan, that it is wrong for the victims of Soviet military interventions to call on strong allies to help them resist the Russians. The argument is that any Western military response serves only to strengthen the Russians' stubbornness.

Yet another fashionable response to situations in which Communists are militarily engaged is to blame opponents of a Marxist regime which is maintained in power largely by Soviet and Cuban arms of risking "destabilizing" the area.

This was the view taken by Dr. Conor Cruise O'Brien in his recent series of articles in *The Observer* on the Horn of Africa. "It is probable," he wrote, "that some people are now considering ideas for 'destabilizing' Ethiopia's revolutionary regime, both internally and externally."

But who other than the Soviet bloc and Cuba are responsible for helping to "destabilize" the Horn — first by the military support they gave to Somalia and, for the last five years, through their massive arms supplies and the presence, even now, of 14,000 Cuban combat troops?

Ever since 1976 the Western powers have responded to the conflict in the Horn of Africa in exactly the way Mrs. Gandhi and others propose for Afghanistan; they meticulously abstained from supplying arms to any of the parties engaged in the conflict; they gave huge sums of money for economic aid (Ethiopia, for example, is the largest single recipient of EEC aid in

the Third World); and they patiently pursued diplomatic means to get the Cubans and Russians out of Ethiopia, while leaving the negotiations mainly to the regional powers.

This approach has met with a complete lack of success in the Horn; so, why should one suppose that it is likely to work any better in Afghanistan?

O'Brien found Addis Ababa a calm city; but he did not say that it was the calm of the graveyard; all opposition has been savagely curbed; executions are frequent and summary; nobody can be sure how many political prisoners fill Ethiopia's jails — 30,000 to 50,000, that would be the very least. And, as in Stalin's time many are dissenting Marxists.

Even the harmless women and children of the late emperor's family remain incarcerated after nearly seven years; none has ever been brought to trial. They are simply left to rot.

There is ample evidence to show that Ethiopia's Marxist revolution is being imposed, with Soviet and Cuban help, on an unwilling population. The entire Eritrean province is still in open revolt, despite the presence of more than 80,000 Ethiopian troops supported by Warsaw Pact generals and other military advisers.

In the neighboring province of Tigre, the revolt among the peasants has been spreading steadily.

The largely Somali-inhabited Ogaden province remains a battlefield. Only last month over 800 Ethiopians died there. In the next-door province of Bale, the Oromos (Gallas) still patrol most of the territory.



Mengistu Haile Mariam

Nor is this "internal destabilization" caused by the opposition to Mengistu Haile Mariam's regime the result of foreign intervention. The West gives no support of any kind — not even lip service — to their resistance.

Because the Somalis have proved themselves to be so stubbornly nationalist in their resistance, they have naturally invited massive retaliatory violence. And, with neither side ready to yield ground, the Ogaden remains a battleground.

Almost one million Somalis are now refugees. Intentionally or not, this might turn out to be Mengistu's "final solution" for the Somali problem in the Ogaden — but this remains to be seen.

The fact is that, after five years, the Ethiopian revolution is still a very long way from being consolidated. For all his thoroughness and political ability, Mengistu has not yet managed to establish his own power. Stalin-like purges occur regularly within the ruling elite. Nobody can be sure of the final outcome.

Nor is it even clear whether Mengistu for all his Communist professions is indeed a Marxist-Leninist or just another Third World radical nationalist.

Two Yemens agree on joint projects

ADEN, May 6 (R) — North and South Yemen have agreed to set up joint economic projects and coordinate their development plans as a step toward unification, a joint statement said Tuesday.

The statement, issued at the end of a four-day visit to Aden by North Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul-Aziz Abdulghani, said prime areas for joint projects were industry, mining and transport.

Abdulghani is the highest-ranking North Yemeni official to visit the south since it won independence from Britain in 1967. But the presidents of both Yemens met in Kuwait a year ago after a border war and agreed on unifying their countries.

South Yemen's President Ali Nasser Muhammad announced after a final round of talks with Abdulghani Tuesday morning that he would soon meet North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh for important unity talks.

The two countries also condemned "all forms of military intervention or aggression against the peoples of the area including the American military aggression against Iran."

Hussein to visit Iraq

AMMAN, May 6 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan will visit Iraq within the next few days for talks with President Saddam Hussein on current Arab developments, the royal palace has announced.

No precise date was given for the two-day visit.

A high-level Iraqi delegation led by first Deputy Prime Minister Taha Zassin Ramadan visited Jordan for three days last week and signed agreements worth \$135 million in loans and aid for Jordan.

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U.S. group to combat anti-Arab bias

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 6 — The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (AAADC), brainchild of former Senator James Abourezk, held its first organizing meeting this past weekend aimed at creating a nationwide organization to combat anti-Arab prejudice in America.

Saturday's meeting, attended by prominent Arab-Americans and delegates from numerous Arab groups in the U.S., took the first steps toward setting up a national headquarters and regional coordinating committees in each of the 50 American states.

Organized by Abourezk and Palestine human rights campaign Chairman James Zogby, the committee describes itself as an "advocacy association" primarily designed to protect the rights of "people of Arab descent."

The AAADC plans to work with other

Arab-American groups and individuals to combat stereotyping of Arabs in the U.S. media and discrimination against Arab Americans in employment, education and political life.

The committee will initiate legal action if necessary to halt specific instances of anti-Arab discrimination, the organizers said.

A transitional committee was set up during Saturday's organizing meeting.

Eventually the AAADC plans to form a national advisory board (composed of Arab and non-Arab Americans), an executive board, a national office and state coordinating committees.

In undertaking legal actions, the group will work with such organizations as the newly founded Arab-American Bar Association and non-Arabs alike. Nonvoting membership will be available for foreigners, such as Arabs in the countries of the Middle East.

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Indian forces fire on Assam rioters

NEW DELHI, May 6 (AP) — Indian security forces on Monday fired on rioting mobs which halted a freight train in support of their demand for the deportation of thousands of minority settlers from Assam, news reports said.

The United News of India reported from Gauhati, Assam's largest city, that 10 persons, including a policeman, were seriously wounded in the firing approximately 600 kilometers northeast of Calcutta.

Leader of the seven-month-old economically crippling movement have called for a strike Wednesday in the area to protest the firing.

Meanwhile, thousands of Assamese voluntarily placed themselves under arrest Monday before district magistrates in response to a call by leaders of the movement, which has stopped oil production in Assam and closed offices.

In Gauhati, 3,800 people carrying black flags and chanting, "deport foreigners or arrest us," were detained by security forces, UNI said.

Put country's needs first, Mugabe urges investors

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, May 6 (AFP) — Potential foreign investors in Zimbabwe have been urged by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe to "consider the needs of this country first and foremost."

Opening an international trade fair here Monday, Mugabe outlined publicly for the first time his government's attitude towards foreign investment and the introduction of foreign risk capital in Zimbabwe.

"We welcome investment but it must be Zimbabwe oriented — in other words the majority shareholding must remain inside the country and profits reinvested," he said.

Mugabe said that he was confident that with the return of political stability Zimbabwe offered a good opportunity for "solid investment". Zimbabwe's Prime Minister said that he believed that sound politics had to be based on sound economics.

His government was anxious to become involved and to identify with developments and thinking that had emerged from recent summit conferences in Lusaka and Lagos on economic issues and planning in Africa, he said.

"We in Zimbabwe are indeed fortunate, given the generous and urgent financial injection we require to complete our reconstruction and resettlement programs following the liberation struggle, that our potential is limitless," Mugabe said.

Zimbabwe's vast human resources coupled with an "enlightened" primary and sophisticated secondary industry could turn the country into a major producer of essential commodities needed by the rest of Africa and other parts of the world, Mugabe said.

Observers noted as significant that Mugabe used the opening of a trade fair — his

The fuel crisis in Assam eased slightly Monday with the agitators allowing petroleum products to be shipped for two days on an "experimental basis" from a major oil refinery near Gauhati.

The movement leaders have warned against petroleum products being sent outside the state, which normally produces about half of India's total oil production of 15 million metric tons.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government tried but failed last month to end the agitation in the tea and oil producing state but arrested hundreds of demonstrators, including some 60 student and political leaders.

In the neighboring state of Manipur, troubled by a similar student-led movement demanding the expulsion of alleged aliens, army troops and paramilitary forces continued to patrol the riot-torn areas of the state which have been placed under curfew since last week.

UNI reported from Imphal, capital of Manipur, that government offices resumed work Monday under heavy guard.



Prime Minister Mugabe first major public engagement — to comment on his government's attitudes towards investment.

But his statement has caused some confusion in financial circles, where it was regarded as ambiguous on the reuniting of profits.

Official sources explained that Mugabe's whole attitude towards foreign investment was one of "persuading" potential investors to accept that they should provide practical benefits for the country as well as the investor.

The sources said that it was likely that the new government would view any potential investment with regard to the benefits it would bring the country, particularly in providing employment for its growing work force.

The government was therefore likely to give preference to any company or investor who would make a substantial contribution to the country before remitting profits outside Zimbabwe, the sources said.

Belgrade prepares for Tito funeral

BELGRADE, May 6 (AP) — As thousands of Yugoslavs filed past the coffin of President Josip Broz Tito, Belgrade prepared Tuesday for an immense state funeral.

Yugoslavia's Communist party presidium and other top leaders scheduled a special meeting Tuesday to honor the wartime partisan leader who died Sunday at the age of 87.

Lines of people waiting to see the Tito casket stretched for blocks in two directions outside Yugoslavia's floodlit parliament building Monday night.

The public viewing of Tito's closed oak casket, covered with a gold-fringed satin flag, was to continue around the clock for more than two days.

It was to end only for a Thursday funeral to be attended by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Chinese leader Hua Guofeng, King Olav of Norway, Karl Gustav of Sweden, U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale and leaders from scores of other nations.

Belgrade remained calm Monday night after the evening arrival of Tito's gleaming blue personal train, bringing his casket into the city's 19th century train station.

"We shall carry on Tito's work," said a large headline in an edition of the party newspaper *Borba* devoted almost entirely to Tito's death and career.

Thousands of extra newspapers were printed to report the start of formal ceremonies. Young people hired to sell the extra copies gave away without charge to passersby.

Extra military guards were stationed in the area of the parliament building. Others, off duty after the day's ceremonies, casually walked the streets and stood with their rifles among customers in shops.

Yugoslav and Communist party banners flew at half staff on buildings throughout the city. Theaters remained closed as part of a week of official mourning. A black-trimmed portrait of Tito stood behind the locked glass doors of one of the city's most popular movie houses.

Other portraits were placed in nearly every store window in the city and black streamers flew from some city taxis and buses.

Most dignitaries were expected to begin arriving for the state funeral on Wednesday, which would have been Tito's 88th birthday.

The legendary leader, ruler of Yugoslavia for 35 years, died 106 days after the amputation of his left leg to remove a blood circulation blockage. His death was blamed on complications which developed after the operation.

Tito's body was watched over by blue-uniformed troops of his personal guard as public viewers filed past the closed casket. The coffin lay atop a catafalque surrounded by red cushions holding his medals.

Tito's state funeral is expected to be one of the most impressive since World War II, drawing dignitaries from both East and West and from the movement of non-aligned countries, of which Tito was the last living founder.



REMOVED: Copenhagen police remove a demonstrator from a playground where the city wants to build an apartment complex. Residents say they prefer the playground, which the city says was meant to be temporary.

Reagan, Carter out front

Would-be U.S. nominees enter home stretch

NEW YORK, May 6 (AP) — The final leg of the presidential primary season opened Tuesday with President Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan apparently destined for their parties' nominations despite signs of public dissatisfaction with both men. The Democratic president and the former Californian Republican governor are now within reach of the delegate numbers they need to secure first ballot victories at their parties' summer nominating conventions.

Primaries Tuesday in Indiana, North Carolina, Tennessee and the District of Columbia (Washington, the nation's capital)

should have moved them further along the path.

On June 3, when 25 per cent of all delegates are at stake in eight states, the two men should be able to secure their victories.

But as last Saturday's primary in Texas, the country's third biggest state, showed, the two men are limping towards nomination rather than marching steadily along.

Both Carter and Reagan won the majority of Texas delegates but they fared less well in the non-binding popular section of the primary. Reagan scored only 51.7 per cent of the popular vote with the rest going to his last

Republican rival, former United Nations Ambassador George Bush.

On the Democratic side, the president beat his rival Senator Edward Kennedy by a two-to-one margin but more than 20 per cent of the vote went "uncommitted" a sign that many Texas Democrats were unhappy at the prospect of a second Carter term in the White House.

Previous public opinion polls have showed that almost half the American electorate is uncomfortable at the prospect of voting for either Carter or Reagan in the national election.

Bomb ripped Libya annex in France

PARIS, May 6 (R) — A pot homemade bomb ripped through an annex of the embassy of the Libyan Jamahiriya early Tuesday causing widespread damage but no casualties, police said.

The bomb, which went off shortly after 5 a.m. local time, had been placed on the door of the building situated in a residential area of western Paris. Windows of a dozen neighboring buildings were shattered by the blast and eight cars parked near the embassy building were damaged, police said.

There was no immediate indication who was responsible for the blast. An anonymous telephone caller later told French news agency that the blast was work of a hitherto unknown "militant Z resistance" movement. The caller said the bomb had been placed at the embassy as revenge "for the torture of Jews in and other Arab countries."

U.S. war equipment bound for Mideast

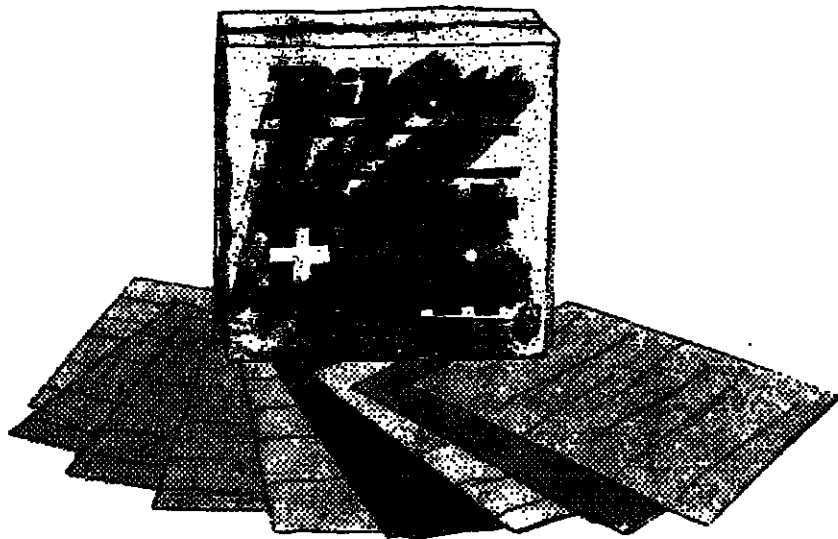
PORT HUENEME, California, May 6 (AP) — Military equipment, including amphibious assault vehicles, is being shipped to support a 12,000-man U.S. marine brigade, a marine spokesman said.

The buildup of weaponry, termed a "preemptive" move that was not a response to the recent attempt to rescue hostages in Iran, does not include troops expected to continue through the week at this port 80 kms northwest of Los Angeles.

"We just started offloading this material and it's still coming through the main port," said Master Gunner Sgt. Dick McCall, public information officer for the port.

McCall said 15 tanks and 25 amphibious armored personnel carriers had arrived, port by truck and rail from camp Pendleton, near Barstow.

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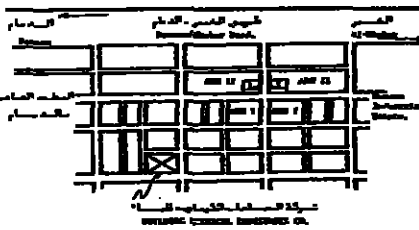
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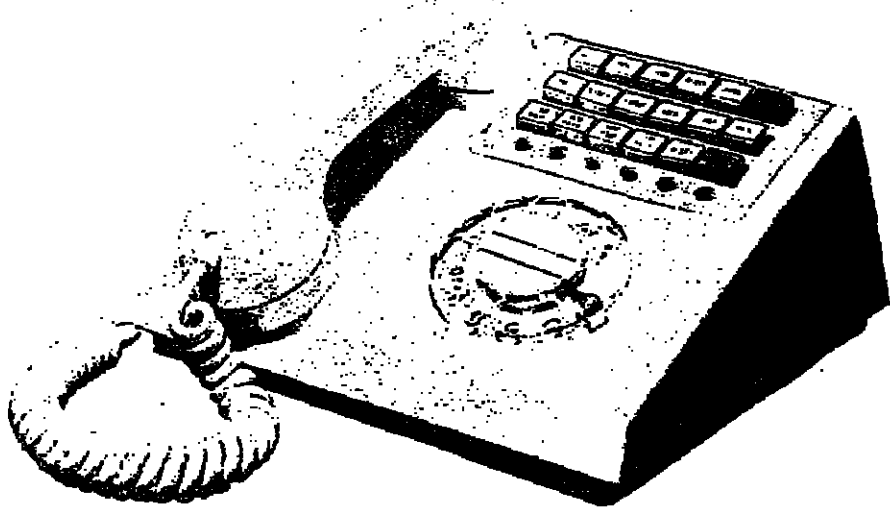
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IOC director affirms decision made in Rome

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, May 6 (AP) — International Olympic Committee (IOC) Director Monique Berlioux said Monday that the decision taken Saturday by 18 national

Olympic Committee meeting in Rome to march at Moscow under the Olympic, rather than national flags, "was totally in conformity with the Olympic charter."

6m too high for Spain

BARCELONA, Spain, May 6 (R) — Barcelona Football Club's efforts to sign Argentine "Golden Kid" Diego Maradona for a world record \$ 6 million is running into opposition on two fronts here — political and sporting. The Catalan Communist Party yesterday branded the huge transfer bid as harmful at a time of crippling economic crisis and rising unemployment in Spain. Jose Luis Nunez, Barcelona's controversial chairman, rejected charges that the 19-million Maradona bid is madness — at his own players were not convinced. Spanish newspapers Tuesday quoted members of the Barcelona team as saying that the transfer deal is crazy and excessive. Even Barcelona's \$ 350,000 Danish import Allan Simonsen found the price tag hard to swallow. "This price is too high," he was quoted as saying. "Not only for Maradona, but for any player."

The charter modification adopted by the IOC in February at Lake Placid allows the national committees to use the Olympic flag and anthem or national ones at Olympic ceremonies. National Olympic Committee banners and anthems, as distinct from national or Olympic ones, must be approved by the IOC.

Both the Lake Placid and Rome decisions were taken to depoliticize the Moscow Olympics and avoid a boycott of the games by countries protesting the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

"The Rome decision conforms to the Olympic charter and to discussion which the IOC has recently had with representatives of European countries at Lausanne. In addition, the Soviets have always said that they would respect the charter," Berlioux said.

The IOC director said that Olympic regulations are the responsibility of the IOC and that the organizers of the games, who are from Moscow in this case, are not free to accept or refuse regulations according to how they view them.

Baseball Roundup

Braves spoil Philly no-hitter

NEW YORK, May 6 (AP) — Philadelphia's Steve Carlton lost a bid for his first career no-hitter with two out in the eighth inning Monday night and settled for a three-hitter as the Philadelphia Phillies whipped the Atlanta Braves 7-1.

Carlton, whose longest previous bid for a no-hitter was 7 1/2 innings, went one out short in time before Atlanta's Bill Nahorodny, who entered the game as a pinch hitter in the eighth and remained in the lineup, lined a clean single to center following a two-out walk to Luis Gomez. It was Nahorodny's first hit in an official at-bats this season.

Dale Murphy opened the Atlanta ninth with his fourth home run of the season, thus rolling Carlton's bid for what would have been his second no-hitter in 10 days. Chris Hammond followed Murphy's homer with a single for the Braves' third hit. Mike Schmidt took over the NL home run lead with his seventh and eighth, both solo shots, while Carlton also drove in two runs with a single and a sacrifice fly.

Meanwhile, Ron Leflore collected four hits — three singles and a triple — and drove in three runs to pace a 16-hit attack as the Montreal Expos battered the Houston Astros and previously unbeaten J.R. Richard 10-1. The game was delayed nearly three hours by rain after the Expos scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Ron Hodges' pinch double drove home Alex Trevino from first base and gave the New York Mets a 3-2 victory over the Cin-

cinnati Reds for their first two-game winning streak of the season.

St. Louis spotted San Francisco four runs in the first inning but Ted Simmons' two-run double keyed a five rally in the second, and he later singled home a run to pace the Cardinals to a 9-5 victory over the Giants.

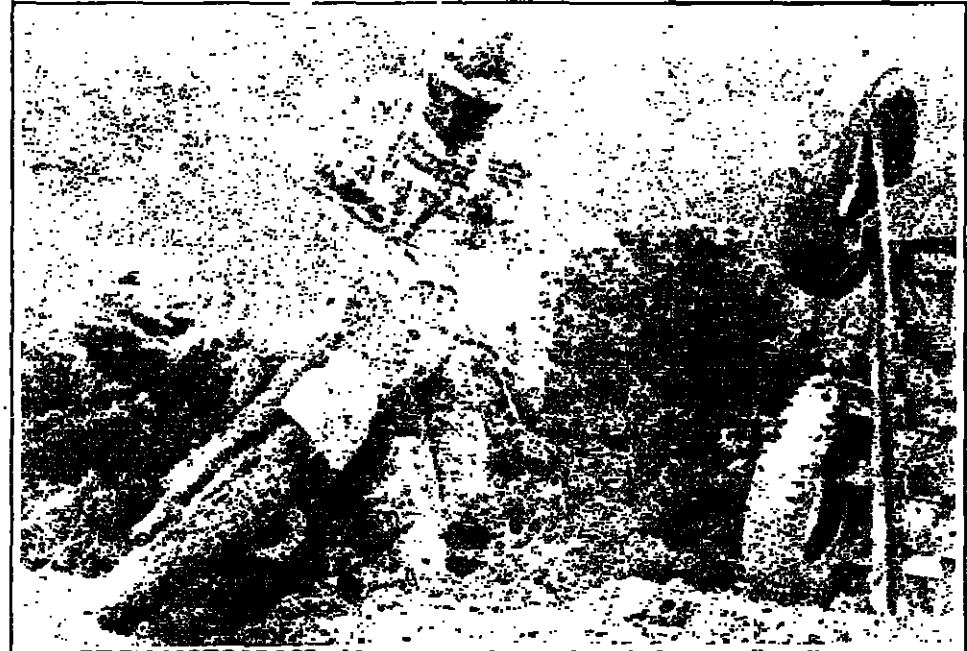
In the American League, Lamar Johnson's tie-breaking two-run homer in the sixth inning helped the Chicago White Sox to an 11-7 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers in a game marred by a free-for-all. Both benches emptied in the top of the fourth after Chicago pitcher Mike Proby hit Milwaukee outfielder Ben Oglivie with a wild pitch. Oglivie charged the mound and a fight ensued. Oglivie, who was ejected from the game, suffered a bruised right shin from being hit by the pitch and White Sox Manager Tony La Russa suffered a dislocated left shoulder during the melee.

Rob Wilfong and Glenn Adams hit solo home runs as the Minnesota Twins beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-2. Second baseman Bump Wills got four hits, scored twice and sparked defensively to back Gaylord Perry's eight-hit pitching and lead the Texas Rangers to an 11-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox. Wills doubled and scored ahead of Buddy Bell's third home run of the season in the first inning.

In a late West Coast game, Oakland's Matt Keough scattered six singles and the A's got consecutive sixth-inning home runs from Dave Revving and Wayne Gross in beating the Cleveland Indians 5-1.

Baseball Standings

National League					American League				
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13	7	.650	—	Boston	12	9	.571	—	New York
11	10	.524	1 1/2	Los Angeles	10	11	.476	1	Toronto
10	10	.500	3	Philadelphia	9	13	.409	2 1/2	Milwaukee
10	12	.455	4	St. Louis	9	13	.409	2 1/2	Brewers
9	13	.409	5	Montreal	8	14	.364	3 1/2	Baltimore
8	14	.364	6	New York	7	14	.333	5	Detroit
Monday's Games					WEST				
10	Houston	7	1	Atlanta	14	9	.609	—	Oakland
7	Atlanta	7	1	San Francisco	13	10	.565	2	Chicago
3	Cincinnati	2	2	San Francisco	12	10	.545	2 1/2	Texas
4	San Francisco	5	5	San Francisco	11	10	.524	3	Kansas City
					11	11	.500	3 1/2	California
					12	13	.480	4	Seattle
					11	13	.455	4 1/2	Minnesota



MUDDY MOTOCROSS: Motocross racing can be a daring as well as dirty sport, as Brad Lackey found when he won the World Motocross Championship in Austria last month. But the sport also can be a dangerous one. Monday, Rene Kamlot of West Germany died from injuries he suffered in a crash during the International Motorcycle Cup races held Sunday. He was 22 years old.

New rules in effect

Indy speeds unlikely record setters

INDIANAPOLIS, May 6 (AP) — Practice speeds nudged 190 mph (305 kmph) at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway again Monday, but with new U.S. Auto Club restrictions in effect, they're not likely to come even close to the record of more than 202 mph (325 kph) set two years ago by Tom Saeva.

USAC claims that safety is the reason for its rules on manifold pressure, which hold down horsepower and thus the speed. But the issue was one of the central points in the defection by championship auto racing teams late in 1978. Even with the tentative truce, with both factions running together under the banner of Championship Racing League, the basic feelings haven't changed.

"The main reason we went to the manifold limits (48 inches of boost this year) was that

speeds were going out of sight, and this track, at least, just wasn't built for speeds that fast," USAC Technical Chairman Jack Beckley said Monday.

Ever since 1973, when two drivers and a pit crewman died and a number of spectators were burned in a nightmarish series of mishaps, the speedway and USAC have made safety a top priority.

Reducing the amount of fuel on board, moving the tank away from the right side of the car — where contact with the wall would be most likely in a crash — and the restrictions on speed weren't all. USAC also installed crash-worthy fuel cells with breakaway valves between the tank and the engine. And it's worked. Since 1973, there have been very few serious crashes, almost none involving fire and no deaths.

U.S. beats Spain in Nation's Cup

DUESSELDORF, West Germany May 6 (AP) — The United States moved to a 3-0 rout of Spain Monday by gaining the decisive third set in doubles at the opening round of the \$414,000 Nation's Cup Tennis tournament. Australia's John Alexander and Phil Dent fought back to beat Bjorn Borg and Ove Bengtson 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 in doubles play, leaving Sweden with a 2-1 standing after earlier singles wins.

With only one match to their credit, the Australian defending champions must defeat the United States Wednesday and Spain Friday in order to reach the semifinals. Americans Gene Mayer and Sherwood Stewart finished off a surprisingly weak Manuel Orantes and Fernando Luna 6-2, 6-0 in sunny, gusty weather.

In earlier singles play, Harold Solomon whipped Orantes 6-4, 6-2, while Mayer

dominated Jose Higuera 6-3, 6-4. Borg had fought the blustery winds to beat Alexander in the preliminary round 7-6, 6-2, and Kjell Johansson downed Dent 6-0, 7-5.

W. German criticized

WEST BERLIN, May 6 (AP) — West German swimmers Monday published a letter here, addressed to West German Sports Federation President Willi Weyer, which said they wanted to participate at the Moscow games. The authors of the letter severely criticized Weyer's recommendation to the West German Olympic Committee not to send a team to Moscow.

"The role of the president of the main national sporting body is to defend the interests of athletes, while this one (Weyer) seems more like a politician than a committed sports authority," said the letter.

Cosmos star aims for Germany

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, May 6 (AP) — Franz Beckenbauer says, "It's still 50-50," but a published report says the Cosmos midfielder will definitely be returning to West Germany next year to play soccer.

"We are certain that he will be joining us after his contract with the Cosmos has ended," Monday's edition of the New York Post quotes a source from the Hamburg team in West Germany. "There are only a few details to be worked out with the Cosmos."

Beckenbauer is upset that the Cosmos have used him in midfield after he helped revolutionize the sweeper position during his years with Bayern Munich. He also is not happy playing most of the games on artificial carpet and has long been an opponent of the lengthy North American Soccer League season and the Cosmos post-and pre-season world tours.

"It's still 50-50 that I will go to Hamburg," said the 34-year-old Beckenbauer, a national hero in West Germany. "I haven't signed yet. Definitely I'll sign, but I don't know where. I must go in a dark corner for three days with no food and think."

Beckenbauer reportedly met with Hamburg representatives last week and agreed to



Franz Beckenbauer

a two-year contract. The \$2.4 million deal he signed with the Cosmos in 1977 expires in October.

Cosmos General Manager Krikor Yepremian upheld the club's position of just waiting for Beckenbauer to make up his mind. He said the club is not worried. In another development, it was reported that the Rochester Lancers are interested in buying Cosmos off-injured Portuguese forward Seninho.

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POSITIVE SIDE

If there is a positive side to the tragic and violent way in which the siege of the Iranian embassy in London ended, it is in the credit the British government must have gained with Iran, whose president, Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, hastened to send his thanks to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. This places Britain in a strong position to mediate between Iran and the United States over the question of the American hostages held in Iran.

Britain's position on this matter has been closely identified with the United States. Yet the possibility of such a mediation is not so remote, given Britain's current view, as Foreign Minister Lord Carrington expressed it in America recently, of the inadvisability of any military solution to the question. Britain is worried that a further military adventure in Iran would have very serious repercussions in the Gulf area, with all that this implies to the economy and safety of the rest of the world.

Lord Carrington also conveyed to President Carter and his advisers the view that the crisis in Afghanistan, which has been relegated to the background in favor of that over the hostages, is the more serious one in the long run. This evaluation has been a cause of friction between the United States and its allies, to the extent that some observers have seen in the present American neglect of Afghanistan a measure of appeasement, being a part of a price for a return to detente. While the view is admittedly extreme, it certainly has its hearers in the West, for whom it confirms the old lesson that when it comes to the relations between the great powers and the smaller nations, principles tend to go by the board in favor of accommodation among the strong.

THE LESSER EVIL

The Texas primaries show that President Carter's campaign for reelection is marching on ahead after the recent painful stumbles. The victory over Senator Kennedy was by a decisive two to one majority. The incumbent's harvest of delegate votes stands now at 1200, well on the way to the 1666 required for the Democratic nomination. Kennedy lags badly behind at no more than around 600 delegates.

On the Republican side, Reagan only just beat Bush. Yet the overall picture is similar to what is happening in the Democratic Party. Reagan has around 600 votes, out of a total of 999 required for the Republican nomination. Reagan, originally a minority taste even within his own party, is enjoying a measure of national popularity. The phrase, "President Reagan" is heard a lot. But the probability is that he will prove no match to Carter in the elections.

The Texas results have demonstrated that American public opinion supports Carter's handling of foreign affairs, despite the severe setbacks the United States has been experiencing. It is probable that this will continue, barring, of course, further disasters where it concerns the American hostages in Iran. Carter's opponents seem to have got this message loud and clear. The burden of their attack on the administration has shifted to the problems of the economy.

Questions of handling the economy, however, are by their very nature controversial, and little electoral capital can be drawn out of them. This, at least has been Kennedy's experience up to now, who had only his New York win to show for his efforts in this direction.

The Arabs cannot but look with satisfaction at the receding of Kennedy's hopes for the presidency. Despite all of their objection to Carter's handling of the problem of the Middle East, he remains very much the lesser evil as far as they are concerned.



Afghanistan tribesmen smash Soviet relief force

By Anthony Hyman

QUETTA — Tribesmen in Hazarajat, the mountainous region of central Afghanistan, have checked and broken up a powerful Soviet relief force attempting to relieve Bamian, the provincial capital, which has changed hands three times over the past year.

A combined force of 400 Soviet tanks and military trucks has been split into three isolated groups on the route to Bamian, at Doabi Mekh-i-Zarin, Talobafaq and Anardarra, since the beginning of April. Fierce fighting is going on along the mountain passes, where Soviet air power had been unable to intervene.

Although most of the region is entirely under the control of Hazara tribesmen, intense guerrilla war is being fought in Bamian province, northwest of Kabul, and in Ghazni, southwest of the capital, on the fringe of Hazarajat.

Hazara leaders in Quetta say that since the Soviet offensives in the two provinces, some 650 Russians have been killed and more than 40 tanks destroyed. The cost to the guerrillas has been high, mainly because there are no medical facilities in the coun-

tryside of Hazarajat, by far the poorest region of Afghanistan.

The sole dispensary has used up its supplies of medicine and dressings, and only a trickle of medical aid has come through the border route from Quetta.

Only one doctor is available in the entire region, after a purge of the small class of Hazara intellectuals under the Taraki and Amin regimes.

The 80,000 Hazaras settled in Pakistan, many of them born in Quetta, have provided irregular medical supplies, and also help to treat the "walking wounded", who are fit enough to cope with the journey on foot taking up to two weeks from Bamian across to Quetta.

The leadership of the Hazara resistance is centered on the small town of Waris, in Bamian province, where representatives of each district form an "independent government of Hazarajat". This body, the Shura or consultative assembly, was formed nine months ago from 17 districts and has grown to include all 42 Hazara districts.

Each district is administered by a *komiteh* — the same title was used for the popular committees during the Iranian revolution. Though the Hazaras

are Persian-speaking Shias, they have no direct contact with Iran, and are a Mongol people long settled in central Afghanistan.

Hazara leaders claim their people number six million, but a more accepted figure is three million — about one-fifth of the total Afghan population. Because of their fighting qualities Hazaras formed more than half the Afghan army.

Now that at least half the Afghan army's 100,000 men have deserted or been killed, a large body of deserters is available in Hazarajat, and trained officers are being widely used as commanders in many districts.

A system of short-term military service has been introduced by the *komitehs* in each district, where one man in turn from each household does 15 days' service. One surprising asset in the guerrilla war is the ease of communication between districts as the telephone system in Hazarajat has survived the civil war almost intact.

Hazaras are poorly armed, and have so far cap-

tured little in the way of military supplies, but when Hazara *komitehs* have ammunition, they have taken the offensive.

Leadership has come from a small group of Hazara intellectuals and tribal leaders, of whom the most active is Wali Beg, president of Itteha Mujaheddin Islami Afghanistan (Unity of Islamic Fighters).

Wali Beg was an MP before parliament was suspended under Daoud's rule, and is a noted advocate of Hazara demands. At present he is in Tehran apparently trying to obtain assistance for the guerrilla war.

Another prominent Hazara is Hadji Nadir Al Ala'dad, also a former MP. Aged 48, he languished for years in prison under Daoud, Taraki and Amin but was released four months ago by Babrak Karmal, in the hope that the Hazara leader would bring peace to his region.

Instead Ala'dad joined what he called the *shura* of holy war against the Russians. — (OFNS)

Easing U.S.-Soviet tension

By Siegfried Buschschulte

FRANKFURT — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt will take his time before letting Moscow know whether "early summer" is convenient for his proposed visit to the Soviet capital.

He has already consulted the country's two principal allies, France and the United States. The trip would probably be the first by a senior Western head of government since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan last December.

But there is little doubt that the German chancellor will eventually take up the invitation, originally made during Brezhnev's visit to Bonn in May 1978. For the Soviets to re-activate the offer of talks with Brezhnev is the kind of signal the West German government had hoped for in the wake of the Afghanistan adventure.

Schmidt has grown increasingly worried about the breakdown in communications between Washington and Moscow. Although neither wanted a war, he said recently, they had no adequate strategy on avoiding a conflagration. Neither side was talking openly about its fundamental aims and interests. He called on all the parties to "put themselves in the position of their opponents."

While Schmidt has no desire to cast himself in the role of a go-between, his talks with the Soviet leadership could clear the air and contribute to a clearer perception of Moscow's ultimate goals after Afghanistan as well as impress on the Russians the need to pull back from the abyss of a third world war.

Schmidt has been quoted as comparing the present situation with that in July 1914. In fact, it was not his own analogy, but the subject of an article in the American quarterly *Foreign Affairs* by Professor Miles Kahler of Princeton University. Unfortunately, Schmidt said, the analogy was not "completely false". Military thinking still played an excessive role today.

If and when the chancellor goes to Moscow — probably in June — he will appeal to Brezhnev to make the pursuit of peace his first priority rather than the designs of his military planners. There is still a risk that this appeal will fall on deaf ears. That is why Schmidt wants to make sure before his visit that the Russians are ready to discuss concrete peace-saving measures like disarmament.

Talks on an agreement to abandon the dislocation of new medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe could be the starting-point on the road back to reason.

It is meanwhile reported that the East German leadership is as disturbed about the Afghanistan crisis as Bonn. Although East Berlin publicly defends the Soviet position, a leading East German clergyman, Bishop Schoenherr, said in an interview with a West Berlin radio station recently that there was no great enthusiasm amongst East Germany's leaders about the Soviet involvement in Afghanistan. But East Germany could not opt out of its obligations to Moscow.

The strong interest which the USSR is showing in mending fences with the West after the Afghanistan adventure could mean for the East Germans that the Soviets will allow them a looser rein than before. (OFNS)

Riots threaten Indian unity

By Sumantha Datta-Ray

CALCUTTA — Seven months of unabated rioting in India's northeastern state of Assam presents the most serious threat to the country's ethnic and linguistic unity so far faced by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Bangladeshi President Ziaur Rahman also fears that if Assam radicals have their way, his impoverished and overpopulated country might be flooded with million of refugees.

Trying to break the impasse, Mrs. Gandhi flew to the capital town of Gauhati on April 12 but returned to New Delhi rebuffed within nine hours.

An attempt to send in the army with "shoot to kill" orders was set aside by the local high court, and the arrest of thousands of demonstrators on a single day has made no dent in this explosive display of youth power, imprisonment being regarded as a status symbol.

Young leaders of the All-Assam Students Union and of 11 organizations grouped under the People's Struggle Committee complain that the Assamese (who are Hindus of Mongolian stock) are in a minority in their own homeland.

Their anger is directed at Bengalis who have lived in the area since the 19th century, before the British carved out Assam as a separate province, and even more at Hindus fleeing religious persecution in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

While political parties sit on the fence, youth leaders are bent on getting rid of these "foreigners".

Forty Bengalis were murdered in January, 5,000 houses looted and burned, and about 20,000 people

forced to flee to West Bengal.

More ominous, from Mrs. Gandhi's point of view, is the ease with which "Assam for the Assamese" campaigners have paralyzed life.

Schools and colleges remain closed. Letters are not delivered. Trains and buses have stopped running. No one goes to work any more. Shops have pulled down their shutters.

There is a complete blockade of Assam's major exports: tea, jute and oil. Picketing by women and children has stopped production at the oil fields, whose annual 4.6 million tons of crude meet one-seventh of India's needs. The daily loss is calculated at \$4 million.

Claiming there are about five million illegal immigrants from Bangladesh (the figure appears to be grossly exaggerated), Assamese are demanding deportation of everyone who entered the state after 1951.

Mrs. Gandhi is understandably worried about repercussions in West Bengal and Bangladesh, neither of which is prepared to take in Assam's rejected population. She has greater reason to be concerned about the danger of Assam's militants making common cause with ethnic rebels in Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram and other parts of India's troubled northeast.

Gauhati is already plastered with posters reading, "Assam oil belongs to Assam" and "Indians should get out of Assam". A secessionist movement there could endanger the entire northeastern triangle, with a population of about 50 million. It is bordered by Tibet, Burma and Bangladesh, and linked to the rest of India only through Assam. — (OFNS)

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Al Medina Tuesday led with the third five-year development plan which, it said, concentrates on the projects which have a direct impact on the life of citizens and stresses the development of native manpower and the formation of a productive base for the country. **Al Jazirah** played as its lead story Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Alghosbi's talks before the National Arab-American Association (NAAA) in Washington, in which he said that the Saudi Arabian experiment in development has attracted the attention of the world experts.

Al Riyadh and **Okaz** led with the arrival of Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez in Riyadh for a two-day official visit to Saudi Arabia. **PLO** Chairman Yasser Arafat's talks with King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd in Riyadh Monday formed the lead story in **Al Yom** newspaper.

In a front-page story, **Al Riyadh** reported the violation of the Iranian air space by four unidentified planes. Newspapers highlighted Arafat's talks with the King and the crown prince on the present situation in the Arab world. **Al Jazirah** gave front-page prominence to the upcoming visit of the South Korean president to Saudi Arabia and also reported that Yugoslavia President Tito's death has cast a worldwide gloom and non-aligned leaders are expected to participate in his funeral.

The election of Constantine Karamanlis as president of Greece was prominently on the front page of **Okaz**, which also highlighted PLO Chairman Arafat's warning that Israel might launch a big military operation against the Kingdom flourish and providing others an example to follow. The paper referred to the achievements of the second plan and said the facts themselves speak that Israel might launch a big military operation against the Kingdom flourish and providing others an example to follow.

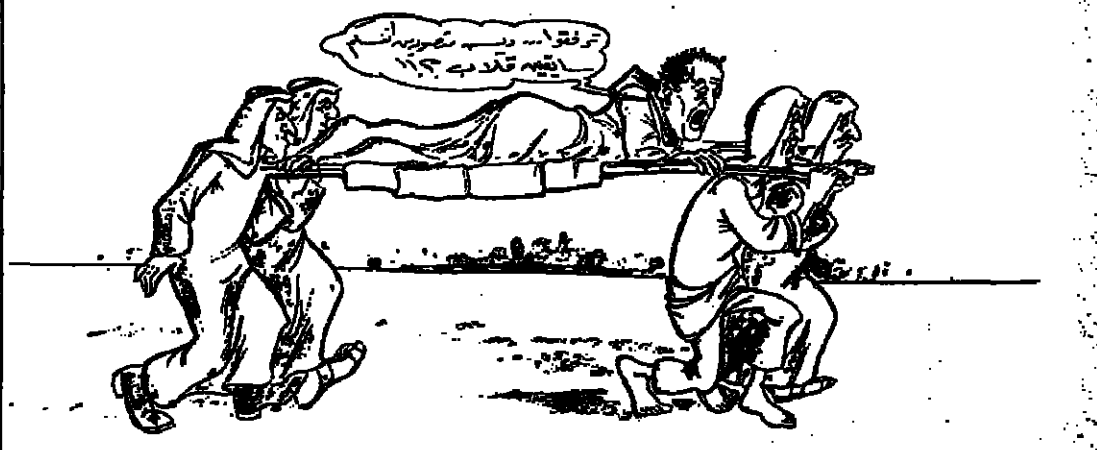
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Iranian Foreign Minister Ghotbzadeh's denial of Bahrain's cooperation with the United States in its abortive military bid against Iran figured prominently on the front page of **Al Yom** newspaper.

The newspaper editorials continued to comment on the country's third development plan. They also hailed the popular upheaval on the West Bank of the Jordan against the Zionist occupation forces. Spanish Premier Suarez's current visit to Saudi Arabia was also dealt with in some editorials.

Commenting on the third plan, **Al Jazirah** said that the ambition for development and the success achieved in the previous plans have provided the main incentive to face boldly all the challenges that come up as a result of changing regional and international situations. The paper added that the royal directives and encouragement, coupled with the great amount of technical expertise, are the main elements contributing to the success of the previous plans and providing encouragement to embark on the third plan.

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"Have mercy, for God's sake. Do you think you are truck drivers?!"

Al Riyadh

Chez Sabine

Ruwais in the springtime

By Kay Hardy Campbell

JEDDAH — In a frantic rush the models just barely changed in and out of their clothing in time, grabbing such accessories as hats, handbags and scarves before they lined up to face their international audience. As soon as they stepped onto the runway "Podium" among Jeddah's French community, they calmly glided past the penetrat-

ing eyes of the spectators. Sports clothes, casual wear, and evening dress were paraded past the audience to whet their purchasing appetites.

The final applause brought to a close a recent Chez Sabine fashion show.

This spring, several local boutiques have shown off their spring and summer fashions to the women of the city in private showings, both large and intimate. One of Jeddah's

newest boutiques, *Chez Sabine*, has introduced two new lines from France: Mic Mac and Georges Rech. These fashions bring a new look to Jeddah: simplicity and bright colors.

"*Chez Sabine*" Opened in Ruwais in March. Proprietor Sabine Voss, in the shop's first season, has included her wares in several shows this spring including the American Ladies of Jeddah Annual Fashion Show in March, a show at the Dutch Ambassador's residence, and several private viewings.

Sabine brings simple lines in both wash-and-wear fabrics and silks to Jeddah.

She was struck when she arrived here two years ago, by the paucity of boutiques and so decided to open her own.

A goldsmith by profession, Sabine has turned to retailing as a hobby. Her children are still young and require more attention than a goldsmith can spare. Goldsmiths, Sabine says must spend eight hours a day at their craft, a schedule which does not leave much time for family. For the next few years, Sabine will concentrate on fashion.

Sabine is German, yet her shop represents two French lines of clothing. Sabine has found that German designers and consumers place little importance on summer wear, since summers in Germany are so short. In France the summers are long and hot and French designers take summerwear more seriously.

Mic Mac and Georges Rech spring and summer wear is in bright cottons and silks designed for Mediterranean summers, an approach which succeeds here.

Pulling a billowy full-length turquoise cotton shift from the rack, she speculated that she would be laughed at, were she to wear such a dress in her native German village, even on the hottest day in summer.

Last year in Paris, Sabine approached both designers with her idea to open a Jeddah boutique. Both houses were very pleased to give her an outlet in Jeddah for their fashions. She placed her first orders last summer, all of which arrived within the last two months, just in time for Jeddah's many spring shows.

Twice a year Sabine goes to Paris to see the collections. In mid April, she viewed next year's winter line while on a vacation in Europe. Since Jeddah has no use for winter collections, she buys predominantly spring and summer goods, a trend common to most Jeddah boutiques.

Mic Mac and Georges Rech are designer houses, so articles of clothing carrying their labels also carry steep price tags. A silk chiffon skirt in black sells for SR 900. Most dresses are well past the SR 1,000 mark, but to those who enjoy bright and billowing high quality cottons and silks with designer labels, the prices are not at all surprising.



A German woman brings Paris fashion to Jeddah

But the opera's the thing

The Met: a house that looks lived in

By Martin Bernheimer

NEW YORK — Beverly Sills may be making threatening waves next door at the State Theater, where she runs the New York City Opera. Zubin Mehta may be sustaining a heroic sound on the other side of the plaza, where he glamorizes the New York Philharmonic. Still, the insiders insist, The Metropolitan Opera is where the action is these days at Lincoln Center.

Sometimes. The four last gasps of the Met season (that is, the final performances in New York before the annual spring tour) found the company in contradictory form. The Met, for better or worse, is James Levine's house now and, on the basis of one random sampling, would seem to be a house with a double, if not triple, artistic standard.

The house itself, now 14 years old, definitely looks lived in. The plush carpeting is early the worse for wear, as is the upholstery. Some of the opulent public space has been gobbled up for administrative offices, and one of the posh cafes has disappeared to make room for a posh souvenir store. Out-towners still crane their necks in a vain attempt to assess those vaulted chagall murals, displayed without hope of an unobstructed view. But blasé New Yorkers pretend not to notice any of this. After all, the opera, at the house, is the thing.

With the top ticket fetching \$ 55, it should

On two of four visits recently, it was. For its final Saturday matinee, broadcast nationally, the Met staged a performance of Benjamin Britten's "Billy Budd" that came blissfully close to being definitive.

A churl might argue that the sensitive Richard Stilwell in the title role looks a bit better than his sounds, or that Richard Cassill, who sings Captain Vere with such massive authority, is a bit too strong and blustery for a character whose is essentially indecisive. One might also wonder if James Morris as the evil laggart, who looks so dapper, struts so sardonically, and sings so fervently, isn't a bit too young and brash for comfort. One might even quibble that Andrew Foldi is miscast as Old Anker because he cannot produce either the solid low notes or the comprehensible English this small but crucial role demands. In context, however, these remain minor sins. "Billy Budd" at The Met is a rare ensemble effort, the real thing. Raymond epard conducts an inspired orchestra and joins with unexpected febrile energy and, here appropriate, with pathos. John Dexter directs the action with equal concern for motivation and imagery. William Dudley has created a complex cutaway structure representing the H.M.S. Indomitable which rises and grows and fragments before our wondering eyes, defining the mood of each scene with remarkable fluidity. Incidentally, one of the cities importing the production this year, for Dudley's ship apparently is too cumbersome to travel.

The Met again resembled a great big first-class opera house that evening when the company turned to the new production of Maometto II. It was inventively staged, a lovingly detailed and daringly old-fashioned, that is, essentially realistic, manner by Gian Carlo Menotti, with appropriately lavish sets and costumes by Desmond

Heeley. It was beautifully sung, apart from a mortal lapse here and there, and tellingly enacted by a near-ideal cast headed by Renata Scotto and Plácido Domingo. Best of all, it was conducted by Levine with the sort of lyrical breadth and passion we had begun to fear were forever denied us in the bread-and-butter Puccini canon.

Levine brought comparable distinction the

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night before to Wagner's "Parsifal" in what one might regard as a perpetual rehearsal for Bayreuth, 1981. Unfortunately, The Met's 10-year-old imitation Wieland Wagner production, directed by Nathaniel Merrill and designed by Robert O'Hearn, now looks dark and dated, and the present cast, a curious conglomeration of has-beens and would-be's, could do little to make this uncut performance seem more than a wonderfully

The season's fitting finale

Jeddah's impossible dream

By Jacqueline Elmaleh

JEDDAH — Once again Jeddah Players and Saudi Equity Theatre bring the season to a close with a flourish with their ninth joint musical production "Man of La Mancha". They have excellent material to work with for this opera is superb.

First staged in 1965, it is American playwright Dale Wasserman's adaptation of Cervantes' "Don Quixote".

The contemporary interpretation by Wasserman deviates slightly from the original to include the author in the production. He brings to bear some aspects of Cervantes' own life which may have influenced his writing of "Don Quixote."

The play is set in a prison in sixteenth century Seville, where Cervantes has been taken to await trial by the Inquisition for an offense against the authorities. The aging and impoverished poet-actor lives out the tales of his yet unrecognized masterpiece "Don Quixote", for the common folk who are his fellow prisoners. His portrayal of figures and events are familiar to the simplest and give hope of release from the cold cruelty of the world.

Through delicate changes of lighting and props, the prison becomes the setting for the various events in his story.

His cell mates become the characters in the novel.

After each series of episodes, we are taken back to the prison vault where the inmates challenge Cervantes' philosophy and become more involved in his fanciful tale of knight-errant Don Quixote.

The set changes in the Jeddah production are handled with precision as are both the musical accompaniment and the actors' changes of roles. The cast of 28, slips with ease from prison to fantasy.

The narrative line is taken directly from

accompanied endurance contest.

The same director and designer were responsible for the cutesy "L'Elisir d'Amore" which dates back to the 1960s and looks every tacky minute of its age. To make matters worse, the production was hastily taken out of mothballs for this single New York performance before the tour. It turned out to be the sort of dusty ritual that tends to give opera a bad reputation with everyone but the groupies.

The groupies in this instance came to cheer Luciano Pavarotti, who ignored his colleagues on the stage, sported his own costumes from a production set in a different period, interpolated a volley of private gags and belittled a self-indulgent distortion of the central role. The star turn produced delicious satisfaction in the 4,000-seat house, a few discerning boos notwithstanding.

The supertenor's associates included Judith Blegen, an Adina with a peep of a voice and a toothpaste-ad personality; Mario Sereni, who wasn't much of a Belcore even 15 years ago and who does not age well, and Domenico Trimarchi, a buffo Bulcamara in the best provincial tradition.

(The Los Angeles Times)

Cervantes' familiar satire, Alfonso Quijana, a soft-spoken old country gentleman, has read so many romances that he now trembles on the brink of insanity. He becomes Don Quixote de La Mancha, a knight in search of noble causes.

The demanding combined lead role Cervantes — Quijana — Quixote is superbly handled by Jayne Montgomery. His changes of character are remarkable, his embodiment of insane idealism, mesmerizing. Montgomery, who has a seasoned background in choreography and ballet, has powerful stage presence, not only through his voice and persona, but also his sheer grace and strength of movement.

Quixote is convinced that he is living in the days of chivalry, as he sets out to save the world, in a suit of ancient armor. He is accompanied by that personification of common sense the Fool to Quixote's Lear, Sancho Panza, played by him Cook. Commendable in this production Cook has previous experience on the Jeddah stage and was active in the Crown Players of Tehran before coming here.

The leading woman's role in the play is Aldonza, a simple serving girl and trollop at an inn which Quixote sees as a castle. For him she becomes an ideal woman. "Every knight must have his lady" and he dubs her Dulcinea, the guiding light of his wanderings.

Connie Morrison makes her debut on the Jeddah stage as Dulcinea. Singer, musician and consummate actress, Morrison lights up the stage with her vigor and vitality.

The mad knight comes off badly in his attempts to deal with the world but because he struggles so valiantly his most ludicrous adventures often take on profound ironic truth.

The show opens at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and closes Thursday at The Player's Playhouse.

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OECD chief calls for energy, inflation checks

MADRID, May 6 (AP) — Describing the current world economic situation as difficult, the secretary-general of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Emile Van Lennep, said Monday priority attention must be devoted to inflation and energy.

He spoke at a five-day International Symposium on Industrial Policies for the 80's, opened by King Juan Carlos. It is attended by more than 250 government officials, businessmen, labor leaders and university professors not only from OECD countries but also from a number of other countries. The symposium was organized by the Spanish Industry and Energy Ministry in cooperation with an under the patronage of the OECD.

"After the huge oil price increase of 1979-80, a period of slow economic growth is inevitable," Van Lennep said. "But we must make fullest possible use of that period to consolidate and to ensure that the conditions for a return to stable sustained growth are created."

"We must bring inflation under control."

Credit for Hunt silver fully backed, bank says

BASEL, Switzerland, May 6 (AP) — Swiss Bank Corporation said Monday it is not worried about multimillion-dollar credits it had awarded the American Hunt brothers involved in huge silver dealings.

A spokesman for corporation, one of the country's "big three" banks, said its total credits to Nelson Bunker Hunt and William Herbert Hunt exceeded \$200 million at one time — as they had testified before the U.S. Congress Friday.

But the spokesman said the bank considers these as "normal credit positions which are fully covered." He added the amounts had been considerably reduced in recent weeks, and there is no cause for concern for the bank.

The oil-importing countries must see to it that the real income loss resulting from higher oil prices does not fall on profits which are essential for the generation of new investment, but that it is absorbed by all income earners on an equitable basis," he said. "We must develop effective policies to reduce our dependence on increasingly scarce supplies of oil and at the same time to avoid sharp price fluctuations in the oil market."

"If both the inflation and energy constraints to growth are substantially reduced," Van Lennep said, "higher growth rates could be attained, higher growth rates that would enable us to make inroads with the present worrying and unsatisfactorily high levels of unemployment."

Japan urges import of U.S. auto parts

TOKYO, May 6 (AP) — The Japanese government is asking the nation's automakers to triple their imports of U.S.-made auto parts in 1980 to ease tensions caused by Japan's surge of auto exports into the U.S. market. Officials of the International Trade and Industry Ministry (MITI) said automakers are being urged to import \$125 million worth of auto parts in 1980, compared to \$37.5 million in 1978. MITI will also send a high-level United States in late June to stimulate auto part purchases and study the possibilities for investment in the United States, officials said.

They said talks are now underway with the Finance Ministry on cutting import duties for car components, with duties on some items to be eliminated. Details on the mission to the United States and the duties will be worked out when U.S. chief trade negotiator Reuben Askew goes to Tokyo from May 11 for a second round of talks begun in late April on U.S.-Japan auto trade issues.



NEW AND OLD: As smoke billows from the 9,677-foot peak of Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington State, a new Boeing Trijet 727 flies past on route to its new owners, Air France. The 727 is the 23rd delivered to the airline by the northwest Washington-based aircraft company.

Market regains earlier losses

Following a negative opening in which 3.07 points were attributed to ex-dividends, the market regained its losses entering positive ground, gaining most of its points in late afternoon trading. Trading Monday was moderately active.

Before Monday's opening, the report on the survey of corporate purchasing managers showed business plummeted in April. Chase Manhattan lowered its prime rate to 18 percent from 18.5 percent, and Morgan Guaranty lowered its rate with its prime a full percentage point to 17.5. Other news on the day: President Carter expects a substantial drop in inflation this summer. Ford Motor late part U.S. car sales 41,076 vs. 69,358; U.S. Steel sees slump extending and pulled back slightly after the news but quickly recovered. General Motors cut its dividend after Monday's close to 60 cents from 1.15.

Closing averages: DJIA 816.30 up 5.38; DTA 250.29 up 2.77; NYA 108.66 up 3.34; NYA 294.20 up 2.13; Vol. 34,190; AMEX 255.66 up .85; NASDAQ 473.04 up .78; Dollar closed weaker in Europe vs. Monday.

Most active: Public Service New York up 1/4 to 9 3/4; Light Crap up 1/2 to 52 1/2; Exxon up 1/4 to 61 1/4; Boeing up 1/2 to 33 1/4; Chrysler up 1/2 to 28 1/4; IBM up 1/2 to 55 1/4; Amer. Cyanamid up 1/2 to 28 1/4; Gulf Oil up 1/2 to 30 1/4; Growth and Glamour: Merck up 1/2 to 67 1/4; Avon up 1/2 to 36 1/4; Amer. Hosp. Supply up 1/2 to 34 1/4; Honeywell up 1/2 to 74 1/4; Storage Tech. up 1/2 to 15 1/4; Eastern Kodak up 1/2 to 52 1/4; Hewlett Packard up 1/2 to 52 1/4; McDonalds up 1/2 to 44 1/4; Philip Morris up 1/2 to 43 1/4; Time Inc. up 1/2 to 39 1/4; Energy issues: Frequent Miles, off 1/2 to 35 1/4; Mesa petrol down 1/2 to 56 1/4; Ind. off 1/2 to 101 1/4; Mobil off 1/2 to 70 1/4; Plintan up 1/2 to 19 1/4; Dresser off 1/2 to 51 1/4; Santa Fe off 1/2 to 33 1/4; Schlumberger up 1/2 to 100 1/4; Texas Oil and gas up 1/2 to 41 1/4; and Murphy Oil off 1/2 to 90 1/4; Basic industry issues: Bethlehem Steel up 1/2 to 20 1/4; Col. Ind. off 1/2 to 39 1/4; Monmouth up 1/2 to 47 1/4; Union Carbide up 1/2 to 40 1/4; Kimberly Clark off 1/2 to 40 1/4; Boise Cascade up 1/2 to 31 1/4; Pac. Federation up 1/2 to 26 1/4; and Chiles off 1/2 to 8 1/4; Amer. Ford off 1/2 to 22 1/4; GM off 1/2 to 44 1/4; Machinery issues: Ingersoll Rand off 1/2 to 45 1/4; Gammal issues: Bally up 1/2 to 26 1/4; Caters World up 1/2 to 18 1/4; Hilton Hotels up 1/2 to 28 1/4; Aerospace, airlines and rail: Northwest up 1/2 to 40 1/4; Raytheon up 1/2 to 72 1/4; General Dynamics off 1/2 to 62 1/4; Northrup up 1/2 to 24 1/4; UAL up 1/2 to 16 1/4; Burlington Northern up 1/2 to 59 1/4; Southern up 1/2 to 57 1/4; Metals and precious metals: Kaiser up 1/2 to 19 1/4; Newmont off 1/2 to 33 1/4; St. Joe Minerals off 1/2 to 41 1/4; Dome Mines up 1/2 to 62 1/4; Homestake up 1/2 to 47 1/4; Heca mining off 1/2 to 27 1/4; Day Mines off 1/2 to 21 1/4; Supplies: Merrill Lynch International and Co. down 1/2 to 21 1/4; Memorex, Memorex.

Prime rate drops to 17.5 %

NEW YORK, May 6 (AP) — The prime lending rate dipped Monday to its lowest level in two months when Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., the fifth-largest U.S. commercial bank, cut its rate one full point to 17.5 percent. Some banks matched the new rate and others made smaller cuts to 18 percent, but most stayed at the prevailing rate of 18.5 percent, which was set just last week.

The prime — the rate charged on loans to blue-chip corporations — has declined 2.5 points since mid-April in reaction to tumbling short-term interest rates. Economists said they expect further prime rate reductions as

the economy moves deeper into recession and the demand for business loans eases. "The prime could easily be down to the 16 percent range by the end of the month," said H. Erich Heinemann, a vice president of Morgan Stanley and Co., a New York investment firm.

The prime rate applies only to loans made to top-rated corporations such as American Telephone Co. or Exxon Corp., while most other businesses pay at least one point above the prime. Although it does not apply to interest rates on consumer loans, the prime is considered a key barometer of trends in kinds of interest rates.

Stockholm strike effects sinking in

STOCKHOLM, May 6 (APF) — This country's biggest strike so far, which mainly affects the private sector in terms of numbers, started to bite Monday with the prospect of a harder tussle this week. There was a rush over the weekend for gasoline. Bread was hard to get as mass-production bakeries were among plants hit by the stoppage.

Nearly 1 million workers, or a quarter of the labor force, are on strike. Public services affected include aviation, public transport and radio and television.

Monday's reports indicate there is no likelihood of early peace in the private sector, but union officials in the public sector are moderately optimistic that a settlement can be

reached shortly. Everything points to a hardening of this pay dispute during the next few days.

Ferries that serve Britain, Denmark and Finland were expected to stop running Tuesday. Gasoline supplies will halt Friday. Employers meanwhile have threatened a 10-day extension to the lockout they imposed Friday, hitting 800,000 workers. The union have called a stoppage for an indefinite period.

Irritation appears to be mounting in quarters. Monday's issue of the evening newspaper Expressen carried a full page of letters complaining about the strike. The paper bore the page one headline "So this folly."

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Hail	Operation and maintenance of drinking water project in Hamimah			May 27
Municipality of Jeddah	Construction of shade for plants	12	1000	June 10
" "	Supply of 10 water tankers	13	1000	June 10
Directorate General of Education, Western Province	Supply of requirements for 15/H technical education		100	May 19
Ministry of Defense and Aviation	Operation of eating places in Jeddah, Medina, Taif, Najran, Al-Kharj base, Riyadh and Sharourah		50	May 14
Directorate of the National Guard, Riyadh	Supply, installation and operation of three water treatment units for the National Guard's wells in Khashm Al-Aan	43-19/400	3000	May 10

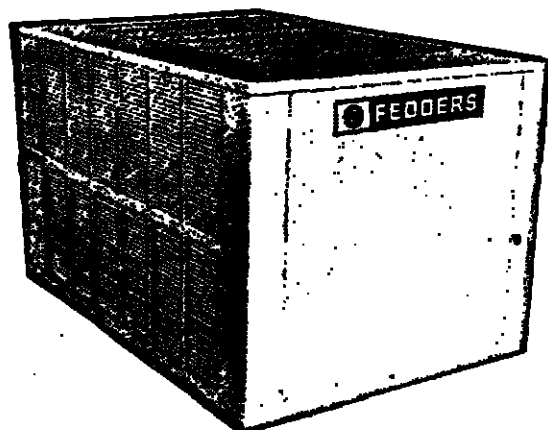
Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.53	7.67	7.66
Deutsche Mark (100)	183.00	186.50	186.30
Swiss F (100)	197.00	202.50	202.25
French F (100)	79.00	79.90	79.80
Italian Lira (10,000)	39.00	39.70	39.70
Lebanese Lira (100)		98.00	98.00
Syrian Lira (100)		77.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound		4.23	4.39
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.25	12.32
Jordanian Dinar		11.14	11.16
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.70	89.70
Qatari Riyal (100)		90.90	90.90
Bahraini Dinar		8.86	8.86
Iranian Riyal (100)			
Iraqi Dinar (100)			
Yemeni Riyal (100)		73.75	73.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)		81.50	81.60
Indian Rupee (100)			42.30
Pakistani Rupee (100)			33.90
Turkish Lira (1000)		45.45	
Gold kg.		55,500.00	
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Silver kg.			
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.91		14.70
Canadian Dollar	2.80		
Belgian Franc (1,000)	114.00		
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	166.00		189.00
Spanish Peso		50.00	48.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)		81.00	
Philippines Peso (1.00)			45.25
Singapore			1.56

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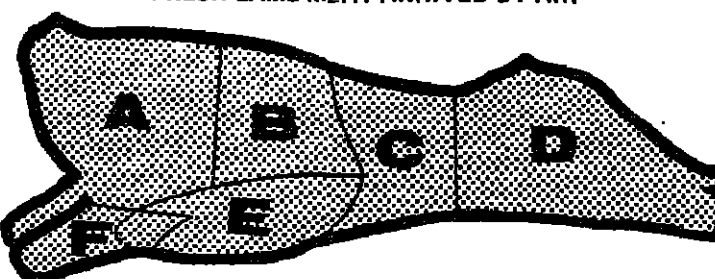
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Canadian Dollar 1.5369 1.5346

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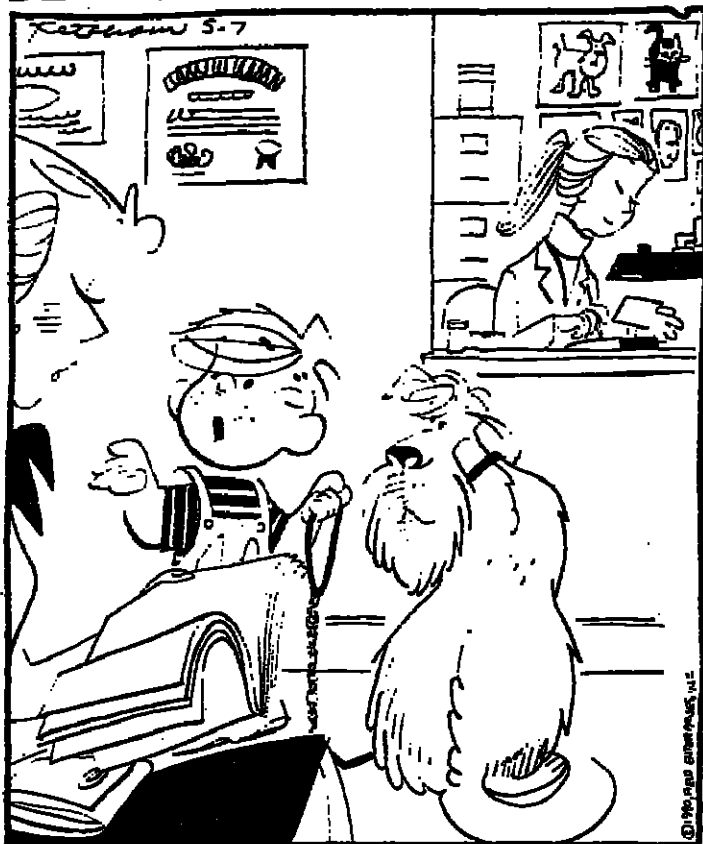
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"WELL, IF IT'S NOT GONNA MAKE RUFF JUMP UP IN THE AIR, HOW COME THEY CALL IT A BOOSTER SHOT?"

Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

At Trick One You Know It All
South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 10 8 5
♥ J 10 6
♦ Q 6
♣ K Q 7 2

EAST
♠ Q J 8 4
♥ K 8 4 2
♦ A 5
♣ 9 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A 6 2
♥ A 7
♦ J 10 9 4
♣ A J 10 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
3NT

Opening lead — three of diamonds.

Let's assume you're East and your partner leads a diamond against three notrump. Dummy plays the queen, which you win with the ace, but what would you do next? You shouldn't automatically return partner's suit, especially since declarer, by playing dummy's queen, seems to be trying to get you to do so.

Note that in the actual case South easily scores nine tricks if you return a diamond. But the correct return of the deuce

of hearts defeats the contract, and the question is how you can know this from the limited evidence at hand.

Your first obligation, at trick one, is to try to figure out declarer's distribution. The easiest way to do that is to analyze, from the bidding, how many cards declarer is likely to have in each suit.

Thus, it is easy to conclude that South started with exactly four diamonds. West led his fourth-best diamond, the three, and must have the deuce because, if South had the deuce, he would have five diamonds, which is impossible on the bidding.

You also know that South has three spades — neither more nor less. (He would have raised spades again with four of them.) That accounts for 7 of declarer's 13 cards.

Declarer is also apt to have exactly four clubs — not simply because he bid the suit, but because he presumably would have bid one notrump over one spade with 3-3-4-3 distribution. He can't have five clubs, because that would give him a singleton heart — obviously inconsistent with the bidding.

It follows from all this that South's distribution is 3-2-4-4. So, at trick two, you play a low heart, won by West with the queen. He returns his fourth-best heart, and South is then sure to go down one.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1990

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Tension in the area of friendships may revolve around money. You may decide to make a break with someone. The p.m. finds you aloof.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
You may feel unappreciated at work, yet you still are able to progress. Forget about ego and concentrate on assignments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
You may decide to change your vacation plans. Someone at home may be less than enthusiastic. Avoid friction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
The emphasis is on your financial structure. You may decide to revamp your attitude towards investments. The p.m. finds you serious-minded.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
An issue thought buried resurfaces. Possible tension re close relationships requires a fresh perspective to insure harmony.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Watch difficulties with co-

workers or employees project has financial though routine may be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Tenuous relationship break up, but you may have inner regrets. In an your perspective changes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
A domestic requires some extra on your part. Get privacy. Don't let intrude on family.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Other's feelings are hurt now. A friend change your perspective. Watch needless about career.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Money problems re new attitude towards. The way is clear for but you may have promise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Be less self-concerned. Expand horizons through activity. Become it with the larger issues.

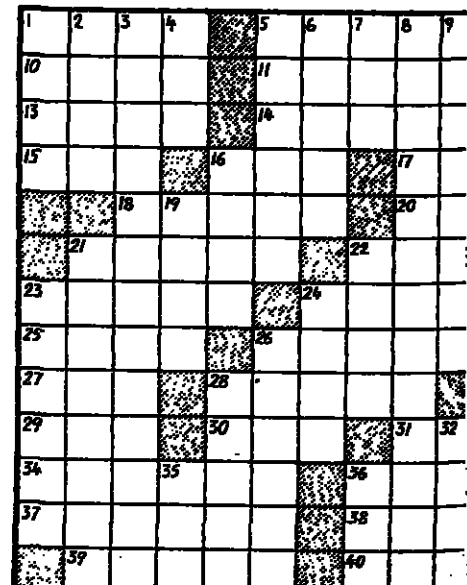
PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Don't let small won to you. Research on a project will help get yourself. Let solitude insight.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Rick's American in "Casa-blanca"
5 Arizona city
10 River in Asia
11 Menacing phrase
13 Large book
14 Mexican holiday item
15 Eye
16 Brazilian tree
17 Undoubtedly
18 Tyrolean garment material
20 Catch
21 Crossed out
22 Renown
23 — motion (impel)
24 Greek poet
25 Reverberate
26 Prepared the pears
27 "Cakes and —"
28 Pieces of wood
29 Cafe bill
30 Half of a Tolstol duo
31 Humorist
34 Pencil-box item
36 Bog down
37 Gull

DOWN
3 Italian volcano
39 Road hazard
40 U.S. missile
1 He denounced Carthage
2 Love, in Pamplona
3 Be like the inept
9 Beloved
12 Island or egg
4 Before
5 Surpassed
6 Of a Great Lake
19 Potpourri
21 Announces
22 Sumter
23 Off one's feet
24 Frost
26 Wine
28 "The I hero
32 Italian river
33 Equip
35 Litigat girl?



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work

AXYDLBAAXE
LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single is apostrophes, the length and formation of the words as hints. Each day the code letters are different.

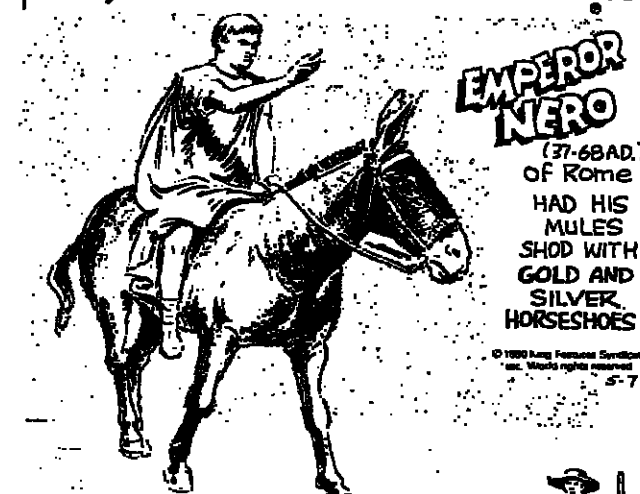
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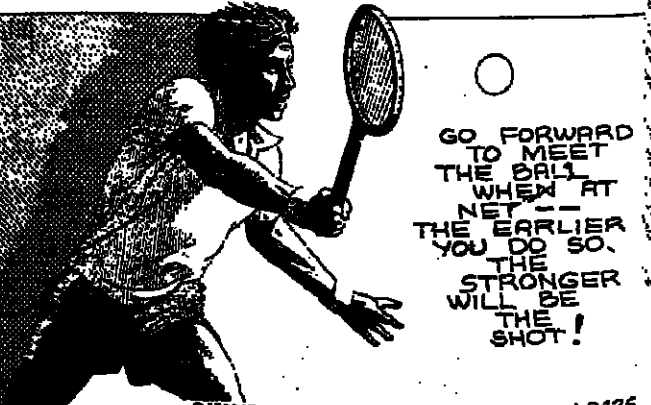
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6:18 Trivia Safety
6:26 Mork & Mandy
6:50 Finest Hour
7:15 Life at Stake
8:06 Ironside
8:54 Suspense Theater
9:25 Second run Theater

VOA

8:00 News Roundup
Reports: Actualities
Opinion: Analysis
8:30 Dratula
News Summary
Special English:
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News Summary
9:30 Music USA:
(Standards)
10:00 News Roundup
Reports: Actualities
10:05 Opinion: Analysis

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2:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Key to their Success
2:20 On Islam
2:30 A Chat and a Song
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Science Journal
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:40 —
3:50 Closures
4:00 Closures

BBC

Morning Transmission
8:00 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
8:30 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsdesk
9:30 Opera Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
10:30 Sarah Ward
10:45 Something to Show You
1:00 World News
1:09 Reflections
1:15 Piano Style
1:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Today Myst

Evening Transmission

9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran
9:05 Gems of Guidance
9:10 Light Music
9:15 Jeddah Highlights
9:45 Compositions of the Prophet
10:00 A Viewpoint
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Sound Sweet and Strange
11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook
11:15 Sound Latin
11:45 On Islam
12:00 Concert Choice
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams

Evening Transmission

8:30 Take One
8:45 Sports Round-up
9:00 World News
9:09 News about Britain
9:15 Radio Newsworld
9:30 Farming World
10:00 Outlook News Summary
10:30 Stock Market Report
10:43 Look Ahead
10:45 Ulster in Focus
11:00 World News
11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
12:15 Talkback
12:45 Nature Notebook
1:00 World News
1:09 World Today
1:25 Financial News
1:35 Book Choice
1:40 Reflections
1:45 Sports Round-up
2:00 World News
2:09 Commentary
2:15 The Face of England

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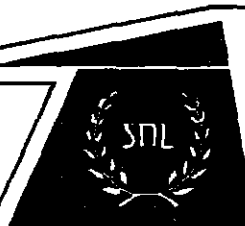


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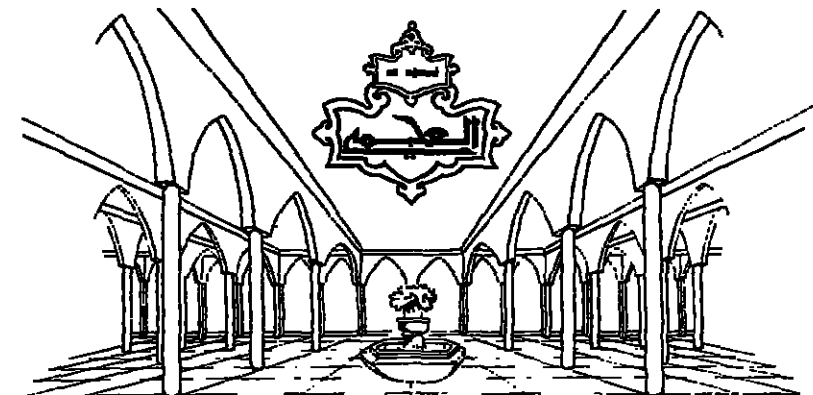
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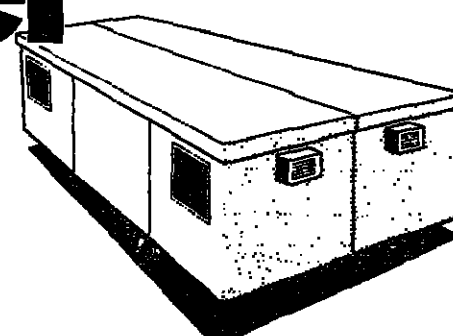
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Murder of students enrages Afghans

NEW DELHI, May 6 (AP) — There is a small shop on Kabul's Chikna Street that has been closed since the start of the Afghan children's revolt.

Merchant Abdul Hakim shuttered his tiny store crowded with stacks of Oriental rugs when he heard that his only children, two daughters, had been shot by Russian occupation troops in an anti-Soviet street demonstration described by witnesses as "almost suicidal."

There are today many grieving Kabul fathers like Hakim. Kabul seethes with rage over the shooting deaths of at least 65 schoolchildren between the ages of 12 and 17, many of them girls who led some of the protests. Seventeen pro-government students also were killed, a Marxist woman school principal was lynched and at least two Russian soldiers were injured, both seriously.

An account of the disturbances was pieced together here from interviews with Western travelers and an Afghan eyewitness, who like the other sources declined to be identified. The revolt, the bloodiest disturbance since 300 persons were killed last February in anti-Soviet protests, began April 21 when high school students refusing to attend the unveiling of the new national flag rioted.

A passing Russian army jeep was stopped by the teen-aged boys who dragged its driver from the vehicle and beat him.

The soldier was rescued by troops in armored personnel carriers. They fired into the crowd but the number of casualties was not known.

Violence again shook the capital five days later when students of Habibia High School, the city's largest, stoned a limousine carrying the Soviet ambassador and visiting Party Secretary Mikhail Zimbyanin on Darulaman Road.

An armed escort fired on the demonstrators, killing several. The bodies of the dead were carried back to the high school, whose 800 students stormed from their classrooms, shouting anti-Soviet slogans.

"Death to the killers, death to Babrak Karmal, death to Leonid Brezhnev," they yelled at a Russian armored unit that surrounded the school grounds and opened fire, killing 13 on the spot and wounding 60, five of whom later died.

The news of the incident quickly spread through the city and students of other educational institutions rose up, some 2,000 strong, in massive protests against the killings.

Outside the Baharistan Cinema, students clashed with Russian soldiers. One young enlisted man was grabbed by knife-wielding demonstrators who put out both of his eyes.

Numerous reports circulated of pro-Karmal students in the high schools and at Kabul University being fatally stabbed by nationalist classmates. There was no indication of underground rebel groups' masterminding the uprising, which appeared to be a spontaneous venting of hatred against the Soviet occupation troops.

The state-run television, which is seen only

in Kabul, denied any shooting deaths, which it claimed was false propaganda churned out by the United States, Egypt, China and Pakistan.

"But we could see the bodies of the schoolgirls in the road," said a capital resident on his arrival in New Delhi.

What has caused an emotional upheaval in the city of 600,000 were numerous marches led by unarmed schoolgirls. They jeered at Afghan soldiers, who uniformly refused to fire despite orders from Russian officers. The protesters shouted verbal abuse hitherto unheard of by females in Afghanistan's traditional Muslim society, Afghan sources said.

Near the walled royal palace, now the pro-Moscow regime's headquarters and called the "People's House," a European watched as a schoolgirl repeatedly slapped the face of one Afghan infantryman who lost control of his AK-47 assault rifle.

The girl picked up the weapon, declaring, "I would not shoot my own countrymen."

A Russian officer called on the soldiers to open fire but they refused to obey the order. A Soviet soldier stood in the hatch of an armored vehicle and fired a burst of bullets, mortally wounding the student.

Middle-aged Afghan women, at first shocked at the girls' behavior stood watching the spectacle as five more unarmed teenagers were gunned down on the wide boulevard. Despite pleading from their husbands to leave the area, they remained where they stood in an apparent act of solidarity with the fallen.

The scene was repeated numerous times. Demonstrating schoolgirls were fired on but kept marching, stepping over the bodies of their wounded classmates.

Nearly the entire teen-age population appeared to have joined the revolt. A luncheon guest watched as the son of his host, a retired police officer, pleaded for his father's East German-made revolver so he could shoot the "Russian killers."

The father would not let him leave the house, but thousands of others actively participated in the week-long disturbances.

The frustration at the lack of world concern was almost palpable, said a foreign traveler who witnessed several demonstrations.

"Where is Carter, the self-proclaimed guardian of human rights?" they shouted on the streets. "Are we not human beings? Why are the United Nations and other world organizations silent about Russian massacres in Afghanistan?"

The impact of the children's revolt was expected to be far-reaching. "Badal" or "revenge" is the first and foremost of Afghanistan's still rigidly adhered-to tribal code, known as "pushtunwali."

A Westerner who has observed Afghan society first-hand said the fathers of the slain students would not only lose face publicly if they failed to act, but also the total respect of their wives and families. "They would be completely ostracized," he said.



RYE MESSAGE: Chinese boys do eye exercises in a schoolroom in Fuzhou City, in eastern China. By massaging their eyes they say they relieve fatigue caused by "hard study."

A nation of surprises

West rediscovers China

PEKING, May 6 (AP) — Westerners now living in Communist China have rediscovered some half-forgotten truths, among them that behind the gray uniformity the Chinese are a quick, intelligent and imaginative people.

They also have been found — on occasion — to be wondrously arrogant, stubborn and bureaucratic.

At first glimpse, the Chinese seem like automatons in their blue boiler suits, pedaling bicycles 2.5 million-strong to Peking jobs which vary very little each day.

Behind the handlebars may be a scientific savant, a ballet dancer, an architect, a foreign ministry section chief, a cook with sublime taste.

Foreign experts descending on China to impart their knowledge to the backward Chinese are shocked to discover that their subjects are not so dumb after all. In fact, from U.S. architect Buckminster Fuller to Boston Symphony conductor Seiji Ozawa, most foreign experts have been astonished to find how experts — at least in book knowledge — their Chinese opposite numbers can be.

All this would be little more than passing interest if the Chinese were not embarked on a bold modernization program which requires not only brains but brains.

The nation's 760 million peasants and 100 million workers will supply the muscle. The gray matter, still woefully in short supply, is being cranked out of the schools and universities.

What they need, besides schooling, is advanced technology. During the dark decade between 1966 and 1976, when the Communist party's ultra-leftists exerted a malign influence over all aspects of Chinese society, China fell far behind the rest of the world.

It hopes to catch up in the next 20 years. To do so it is moving from a period of severe repression to one of comparative freedom. Old habits, customs, prejudices are breaking up like ice in a warming sea. It is one of the most exciting times in recent Chinese history.

It also is one of the most frustrating for every Chinese eagerly seeking change and progress there are perhaps two who are suddenly opposed to anything that smacks of daring or adventure.

For the most part, they are the bureaucrats. In the bad old days of the Maoist era, they ruled supreme with their rubber stamps and copies in triplicate.

The cruel excesses to which they were prone are only now being told in revolting detail. The guiltiest were the public security bureaus which took the law, such as it was, into their own hands, and equated defense of the accused with treason against the state.

After them came leaders of the Communist party, chiefly the ultra-leftists, the so-called "Gang of Four" led by the late chairman Mao Tse-tung's wife, Chiang Ching. A frown from them meant prison, a scowl death. Millions of careers were broken on the wheel of their displeasure.

Visitors to China in those terrible times found the general population sullen and dull-eyed. An attempt to talk produced fright.

Today, smiles, curiosity and expressions of interest or sympathy evoke quick responses. In the experience of Americans who knew China 35 years ago, never have the Chinese been so amusing, witty or receptive.

Despite 30 years of off-again, on-again socialism, the Chinese remains an individual, not a machine. His taste for exquisite food, good music and lively theater are undiminished by the worst excesses of Marxism. What makes socialism half-way acceptable is that these delights can now be had by more people than ever, at prices they can afford.

The new freedom which followed Mao's death and suppression of the "Gang of Four" in 1976 has brought about a renaissance in all the arts. Realism is the watchword, the slogan of the new revolution. Love no longer is a dirty word. Movies, plays, books, and television programs which merely entertain are found to have a social value: they provide relaxation after a hard day's work.

Television, which a few years ago turned audiences away because of its dullness and preachiness, now is the rage. An American undersea epic called *Nautilus* is the talk of the

town. Life grinds to a standstill when it comes on each Saturday night.

Old American movies, sports events, amateur hours, newsreels, unbroken hours of ballet, Peking opera and symphonic performances are available on Peking's three channels, with little or no advertising.

The Chinese have discovered, also, that propaganda can be served in swallowable doses. If enough skill is used. Old leftist movies such as *Street Angels*, made in Shanghai in the 1930's, deliver their messages of poverty and inequality through a combination of acting, wit and honesty. Frequently re-run, *Street Angels* is a current favorite.

All this has made television the hottest item on the Chinese shopping list. Production has tripled, from one million to three million sets a year.

If there is revolution in China these days it is a revolution of rising expectations. The movies, television, commercial advertising, even the newspapers have opened up windows to the outside world which have whetted the Chinese appetite for the material things socialism so long has boasted it can provide.

None of this means socialism is being discarded. The benefits it has brought the Chinese are everywhere apparent. Disease, famine, crime, natural disasters have been controlled or contained. Millions of people shop outside Tienmen Gate 35 years ago, are better off.

"For us working people," he said, "things are really better. Now I work 48 hours a week instead of 60. My rent is cheap. I only had two years of school, but my children have all gone through high school — for nothing — and one is going to college."

Commando chief urges new hostage rescue try

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP) — Army Col. Charles Beckwith, who led the unsuccessful commando raid to free Americans held in Iran, has told members of the U.S. Congress that another rescue mission should be mounted if the hostages can be located.

"He just said that if we could find out where the hostages are, we should go back in and pick them up," said New York Democrat Samuel S. Stratton, following a three-hour closed door meeting of the House armed services committee Monday.

The 50 American hostages who had been held at the U.S. embassy since last November were moved, scattered among a number of Iranian cities after the commando group's aborted effort to rescue them.

Beckwith, called before the House panel to give details of the aborted mission, also was quoted as saying that taking more than eight helicopters would have made the operation too cumbersome. Three of the eight choppers taken on the mission broke down and the operation was scrubbed.

"Beckwith said he was satisfied with eight because if you add more it takes more C-130s (cargo planes) to fuel them and makes the whole thing too cumbersome for stealth," said Alabama Republican William Dickinson.

Stratton quoted Beckwith as saying he aborted the effort when the three helicopters broke down, because if he had continued the mission he would have had to leave 15 to 20 of his commandos behind.

"He said every man had several jobs to do and he just could not figure how he could go in with 15 or 18 fewer men," Stratton said. "Obviously, he was very upset at not being able to carry it out," Stratton said.

But he said he believes Beckwith convinced the committee that he and not some higher authority actually decided the mission had to be cancelled. "Once he said the mission would not go, that was it," Stratton said. He said Beckwith told the committee the helicopter pilots and commandos did not argue with the decision.

Before the session, some committee members expressed doubts that Beckwith had concurred in the decision to halt the mission.

The commander told reporters last week that he recommended the mission be aborted after three of the eight helicopters broke down by the time the commandos had gathered at the refueling site on the Iranian desert.

Going ahead with five helicopters, Beckwith said, would have risked "murdering a bunch of the finest soldiers in the world."

Gold mostly lower

Low interest rates cut dollar

LONDON, May 6 (AP) — As the cost of borrowing fell in the United States, the value of the dollar abroad also went down Tuesday. Gold prices were mostly lower.

With major U.S. banks lowering their prime lending rates to 17 1/2 per cent — a fall of 2 1/2 points since mid-April — the dollar holdings lost their attraction for foreign investors.

Interest rates are dropping because of shrivelling loan demand in the recession-hit U.S. economy. The result is dollar selling on foreign exchanges.

One European money trader said "the market isn't active."

Gold was down in quiet trading. At London's big five bullion houses, gold closed at \$512.50 a troy ounce, down from \$518 last Friday. London markets were closed Monday for May Day bank holiday.

Ancient Tibet landscape greener

PEKING, May 6 (AP) — A scientific survey suggests that Tibet in ancient times was much better suited to human habitation than it is now, Communist China's official Xinhua News Agency has reported.

The survey in 1976 "shows that 10,000 years ago there was widespread human activity in Tibet ... the survey also suggests that natural conditions in the area, such as climate, water availability and grass, were bet-

ter than at present, and that the altitude of the plateau was much lower," Xinhua said.

It said some scholars had regarded Tibet as a deserted region not suitable for human habitation in ancient times.

But, it said, it was global climatic changes and the rise of the Tibetan plateau that led eventually to today's conditions — windy, cold weather with little rainfall and frequent hailstorms.

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especially useful for the development of productive sectors with assignment of resources based on the intensive utilization of the production factor most abundant in the underdeveloped countries, labour. This experience is being well used, especially in Latin America.

Q — Do you see in the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan an act of invasion and occupation and how do you propose to deal with it in conjunction with Europe and do you think it could lead to a greater conflict in the region?

A — The Spanish government, from the very beginning, has condemned very firmly the armed aggression against Afghanistan, an Islamic and non-aligned country still under the military occupation of a foreign power, violating the principles and purposes of the charter of the United Nations.

Spain, which voted in favour of the resolution of the general assembly, approved on January last, considers necessary the immediate retreat of all the foreign troops, that the inalienable rights of the Afghan people to decide over their own destiny be granted and that such a decision be guaranteed and respected by the great powers as well as by the other countries of the region.

Q — Do you think that the Iranian crisis could lead to war in the region?

A — The crisis, which has arisen from the illegal capture of the American hostages where the most elementary norms of international law and of the agreements ruling diplomatic relations have been violated, is seri-

ously preoccupying. Spain is deeply conscious of its gravity and it has not spared efforts in order to try to put an end to this illegal action and obtain a peaceful solution to this conflict.

We are hopeful, therefore, that good sense will prevail in all sides and that it will be possible to put an end, by peaceful means, to a situation that if it would be prolonged would endanger the peace and stability in the region bringing forward a conflict of unpredictable consequences.

Q — What are Spain's most pressing problems, politically and socially and economically. How are you tackling them. How is the economy faring since your leadership commenced. Are you satisfied with the progress that parliamentary democracy has made in the country?

A — The most pressing problems and therefore those to whom we give priority, are the articulation of the automatic model of our state, in accordance with the constitution: the alternative to the economic crisis and specially to the employment problem where there is a need to insist on a collective interest for a greater productivity, saving and continuous stimulus of investment, finally, to obtain a greater dominion of law, particularly in the fight against terrorism, the protection of security for citizen life and a quick acting of justice in a deterrent way as well as the achievement of a greater efficiency of administration, nowadays somewhat eroded as a consequences of the transition from a centralist state to state of autonomies.

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